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FORWORD

To those who maintain the Fundamental Principles, Inalienable Rights and Royal Prerogatives of manhood, conferred in creation, i. e. individual independence of all forces of the universe concerning choice and action, with *direct* and supreme responsibility to God therefor; also to all who believe in the perfect atonement made by Jesus Christ for all sin, without the need or possibility of interference or mediation by any king, priest, church, saint, or martyr. To all such, of every race and nation, or religion, of every people and of every clime and country, this book is respectfully dedicated by

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INTRODUCTION

I AM a devout believer in God and in the Bible as the word of God, and infallibly true, with the exception of a few errors in translation and some unimportant errors of the copyist, and possible interlineation by the same writers.

The Evangelical churches and their individual members accept the Bible as the supreme law concerning religion and morals.

With these prefatory remarks as a "pou sto," foundation, let us now proceed to examine the Biblical account of the Creation of Man, and the design of God herein as further developed in the Old and New Testaments. From this account we deduce the following principles:

Man has the faculty for distinguishing between right and wrong; and his responsibility to do the one and not to do the other. He is absolutely independent of all powers of the universe in his choice and actions. But he is *personally, directly and supremely* responsible to God for his choices and their results. Hence it follows that no man has the right or power to shift his responsibilities to any person or organization. Conversely, no man or organization has the right or power to assume the responsibility of any other person whomsoever.

Further, because so many of the best people of the earth have suffered wrong, torture and death. Every man has the right to demand of his Creator a personal and eternal judgment according to his

deeds; not according to his race, his religion or his church.

This our Lord confirms in the New Testament: "Every man shall receive the due rewards of his deeds."

From the further teachings of the Bible we evolve the following principles: The people are, in a measure, responsible for the character and conduct of their priests and kings and other leaders and share their punishment. We see this in the case of Eli and his two sons, two profligate, young priests. The same lesson is taught in the case of David and Jeroboam. There is no Divine Right of Kings or priests or any other person, to do wrong.

The above axioms are fundamental principles, inalienable rights and royal prerogatives of manhood. The neglect to maintain these rights has been the cause of nearly all the woes of the world.

When the Roman Governor asked our Lord: "Are you a King, then?" Although the answer might convince Pilate that He was a rebel against Caesar, and would probably result in his crucifixion yet he answered, "I am a King, for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness to the Truth." In this sense of supreme loyalty to Truth, it is the Divine Right of every man to be a King.

When Alexander the Great won a victory over a brave and capable Indian King; and took him prisoner; he commanded the king to be brought into his presence and asked him "How do you think that I should treat you?" With a look as haughty as

that of Alexander himself he answered: "Treat me royally for I am a King." Alexander was so impressed with the nobility of the man, he restored him to his kingdom.

This is the status on which God intends to treat every man, royally. But the dignity of man in his creation is seen not only in his mental and spiritual endowments, but also in this physical organization.

Adam lived 930 years and Noah 950. In order that the human machine could run nearly one thousand years, it must have been a recent creation in a perfectly healthy condition. Darwin to the contrary, notwithstanding. The period from Noah to Abraham, when the span of life fell from 950 to 175 years, was one of terrible physical deterioration; and probably extended over five thousand years or more instead of, as is generally believed, four or five hundred years.

The cost of man's redemption, and the beauty and glory of his eternal home, harmonize exactly with the story of his creation.

Every hierarchical church and absolute monarchy ruling by the fiction of a special Divine Right deny and anathematize all the above named fundamental principles, inalienable rights and royal prerogatives of manhood. They constitute a crime against manhood and rebellion against God. They are naturally and necessarily the enemies of all democracy in government and Evangelical religion in the churches. These two forces are diametrically opposed and incapable of compromise, except by the utter destruction of one or the other.

Because the German people almost universally sustained the Kaiser in his career of conquest—brutality and murder—they will eventually be almost ruined in men and material. God reigns not Thor or Satan.

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PART I
THE DIGNITY OF MAN AS SHOWN IN
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The Dignity of Man

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

THE Bible is the Great Magna Charta of all humanity. Ages before the English people and Barons wrung their Magna Charta from their bigoted and pusillanimous King John, the Greater Magna Charta of Human Liberty was written into the constitution of Adam at his creation.

To the devout Protestant, the Bible is the very word of God, supernaturally revealed to his earthly children. It is the Supreme Law. It is the infallible rule of Faith and Morals, and it is the only infallible thing on earth. It is complete as written. Hence it pronounces a curse upon any and all who may blasphemously add thereto or subtract therefrom. It is perfect, infallible teaching. The few errors that may have crept in through the open door of the Copyist or Translator are incidental and unimportant. The Bible stands as a whole today. The Supreme Law of God and the infallible guide to the human Race, whether they accept it or reject it. Whether they approve or disapprove they will stand or fall before this Supreme Court and Judge, at the final award to all men for Eternity, on the basis of this Law. This is because the Book is the Eternal Truth of God. Individuals may pass away, Nations may rise and fall, but the Book of God, the Eternal Truth will never pass away. Political and religious

organizations may endure for a time, but they will fail and be destroyed except in so far as they maintain the Eternal Truth of God; and the dignity of man, as he was originally created and as indicated in the precious sacredness of his Redemption, and the glorious destiny prepared for him in the Eternities.

It is said of Martin Luther that he resurrected the Doctrine of "Justification by Faith" In a great measure this is true; for in those "Dark Ages" of human depravity, slavery, moral degradation and rotteness, the Doctrine was well nigh buried and lost sight of. But, "Truth though crushed to earth, will rise again". It will never die. As well try to blot Jehovah out of the Universe as try to kill His truth. Its final triumph is absolutely certain. But it is the purpose of this writing to go back beyond the 16th Century of our era, back of King John and his barons, to the many thousands of years previous, when man was first created; and show that the doctrine of "Justification by Faith", and all that it implies, was originally written upon the constitution of man in his creation.

A materialistic and false Evolutionism makes our mother earth the origin of our race through innumerable gradations occupying thousands, even millions of years, until he finally emerges a man, a poor and degraded specimen at that, the lowest form of savage life; and since then by a constant, mysterious, pressure of some invisible, natural power, he has been forced up to his present condition of freedom and dignity as exemplified in the most favored

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nations and individuals of this 20th Century. But the most profound scientists of this age agree that Evolution explains the origin of nothing, and that life is impossible without life to give it existence.

One class of Evolutionists makes the ordinary dirt our common Mother. And that the forces of Evolution occupied thousands if not millions of years for the Mollusk to become a Man and thousands of years more to reach his present condition.

CHAPTER II

MAN MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

GOD says He made man in His own image and gave him power over all created things on the earth; made him King of all and conferred upon him certain Kingly prerogatives and individual rights, which he must maintain or he will inflict and entail untold miseries upon himself and his race. Evolution degrades humanity. God honors it with a Crown of Glory, and imprints upon it His own celestial likeness.

But let us examine the Divine Record of the Creation of man, and a little analysis may throw some light upon the matter.

Genesis 1:26 says: "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness". And when the physical nature was formed, He (God) "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." Some think the word "living" means incapable of death.

The 8th Psalm, 5th verse says: "Thou hast made him a little lower than the Angels. Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou hast put all things under his feet, etc." Now let your gaze rest upon the splendid beauty and perfection of his physical organism. In Genesis we are told that Adam lived 930 years. And nearly all the Antediluvian patriarchs reached an average of this limit. Today the human machine is nearly worn out at 60 or 70 years; and the average limit even less.

There was no scowl of wickedness on Adam's brow. There was no hereditary taint in his blood. Today there are very few human lives without this taint, which proclaims in trumpet tones; "The wages of sin is death", "Even to the third and fourth generations". What a grand personality Adam must have been. There was no degrading servility "bred in his bone" which takes generations of nobler living to eradicate. He bowed the head only to God. He was King and Lord of all on the earth, in the flush of joy and power of a perfect physical organization and a soul but a little lower than the personality of his Divine Creator. What serenity! What grandeur! What nobleness! What majesty! Worthy progenitor of the race! A human machine working in perfect order for nearly a thousand years is an argument in favor of its recent creation which is unanswerable. Did God create the first man with the scowl of servility or wickedness upon his brow? It is unthinkable. Did He create the head of our race with the taint of hereditary vice or profligacy in his veins? It would be a blasphemy and degradation of the Almighty to entertain such a suspicion.

And Eve! the beautiful Eve! the perfect form! the face radiant with love! fit consort for the stately, princely, Adam. What a perfect specimen of vigorous, healthful, graceful, glowing, glorious womanhood. It is a marvel that Adam did not receive her with devout reverence and worship her as a divinity. The great master painters of the world appear to have missed one of the most splendid subjects of their art namely: "The Presentation of Eve to Adam".

A future artist may immortalize himself by his treatment of the theme. A lasting fame awaits the artist competent to handle such a splendid subject.

Sin soon enters. Disobedience brings suspicion and fear and death in its ghastly train. *Paradise Lost!* Well might the angels veil their faces, and universal blackness hail the coming doom. The fall of man has been written in his sin and slavery, and misery in all the ages since.

“Alas! poor man quoth the pitying spirit,
Dearly ye pay for your primal fall.
Some flowerets of Eden ye still inherit.
But the trail of the serpent is over all”.

CHAPTER III

THE SPLENDID MENTAL AND MORAL ENDOWMENT

BUT there is also another side to this question. It is the moral and spiritual. The Dignity of man is not only shown in the vigor and endurance of his physical nature, his splendid personality; but inexpressibly more so in the nature of that Soul, breathed into him by his Creator. The first and most fundamental element which introduces itself into our consciousness is the conscience with which the first man is endowed, his sense of right and wrong, his liberty to do as he pleases. "And God said to Adam; Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shall not eat; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die", Genesis 2:16. Notice the personal and positive command, "thou shalt die". Eve's share in the transaction does not excuse Adam. He disobeys and dies. He breaks the law and suffers the consequences. He uses his liberty to do as he pleases; but whether he pleases or not, he suffers for it.

In his creation God has endowed man with the liberty and power to do as he pleases. God Himself will not interfere with this vested liberty and power. There is therefore no power in the universe, in earth, or hell to compel a man to do anything he does not prefer to do, or to do otherwise than as he chooses. God can kill a man but He will not compel him to

do anything against his will or nature. This is written into man's constitution, in his creation, and it is still there; and will be eternally. This is the Kingly crown placed on the brow of every man. This constitutes the transcendent dignity of Humanity. These are princely endowments, royal prerogatives, inalienable rights, fundamental laws of the human constitution. Talk of the upward trend of the race! Its evolution skyward! The trend has been downwards for thousands of years. Instead of elevation it has been depression. The tyrannies of Babylonia, Egypt, Persia, Rome and the so-called Christian nations of Medieval Europe completed the "Paradise lost"; and established an Inferno upon our beautiful world. The royal prerogatives, inalienable rights of Manhood, may be briefly defined as follows:

First; Individual Independence to do as he pleases.

Second: Direct Individual Responsibility to God for his choices and their results.

The human soul is independent of all forces in the Universe. There is no power in the Universe to compel him to do otherwise than as he pleases, prefers or chooses. This constitutes every human being an Independent Sovereign before God. How low humanity has fallen! Will Paradise ever be Regained? Sometimes he chooses lust, appetite, passion, ambition, war and murder. The furies are let loose and earth becomes a Pandemonium. Sometimes on the other hand he chooses patience, temperance, righteousness and love. This is an effort to

regain the "lost Paradise". Sometimes he is generations ahead of his time and he is tortured, hanged or burnt by a narrow, bigoted, infernal tyranny. Liberty to do as he thinks best. Freedom of conscience is engraved upon the human constitution by the hand of the Creator. It is an inalienable right and at all hazards should be maintained.

William the Silent of the Netherlands adopted this motto: "I will maintain". This is a royal prerogative. A Divine honor and responsibility. No man has a right to abdicate his manhood. He is branding himself as a slave, a *tool*, a *thing*. He has lost his manhood, sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. He deserves the scorn and detestation of mankind. He has not even the respectability of a decent snow shovel. The shovel accomplishes its mission, that for which it was designed. He abdicates his prerogative, that which distinguishes him from all other animal life; and in so doing falls below the lowest animal life and he becomes a menace to his race because he voluntarily becomes the willing tool of Tyrants both political and ecclesiastical to enslave his race. When he sells his birthright, that which constitutes him a man in the sight of God, he becomes a menace to his family, his country, and to all good people everywhere. He should be ostracised, driven out of decent society to dwell with beasts of the field where he belongs, except that he is a meaner beast than any of them, more cunning and cold blooded. Alas! there are so many human beasts. So many vultures, wolves, etc; but the human wolf is the meanest and most dangerous of

any.

So many historians, poets, orators and soldiers have eulogized liberty as the most glorious prize of Men. And so far they are right, but the majority fail to emphasize it as a constitutional and inalienable right and prerogative of Manhood, without which he fails in the most essential element of his being, a God given, Divine right which if he fails to maintain he sinks himself below the level of the beast and deserves only the indignation of the Almighty, and the pity or contempt of mankind.

CHAPTER IV

NO PERSON CAN EVADE HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY OR ASSUME THAT OF ANOTHER

PERSONAL responsibility, supreme and direct to "God who will give to every man *according to his works*", not according to his faith, or creed. Because a man has the right and power to choose and do as he pleases, and there is no power on earth or in hell able to prevent him, therefore it follows logically and necessarily, that no man or organization of men can release him from that responsibility.

If any man or organization of men say they will assume the responsibility for your actions they simply lie. They are assuming a right and authority God never gave them; and for which He says he will hold every individual soul personally and directly responsible. He cannot abdicate his manhood without being held personally responsible for so doing as well as for the dire results of that abdication. When priest or preacher commissions someone to commit murder or some other crime, and promises to assume all responsibility therefor, he is undertaking what no man on earth has the right or power to perform. And when he further promises him a free passport to Paradise, it is blasphemous folly and falsehood. How many thousands of poor dupes have had a sad awakening! "God gives to every man according to his *deeds*". Murder is Murder, no matter what the motive. The *end* never justifies the *means*.

Individual Responsibility is first and supremely to God. Weak, erring, humanity tries to lay the blame or responsibility on some one else. This he has neither the right or power to do. Adam tried to lay the blame on Eve; and their posterity and even the ground was cursed on account of their disobedience. "By the sweat of his brow he was to earn his bread". All the way through the Bible, this personal responsibility is respected and emphasized. God means to impress it upon every soul. For their own sins they should die or suffer. In doing so He acknowledges the Dignity of the man He has created. An independent Sovereign. The Lord and Master of all other life on the Earth. Independent of all forces of the universe, to do as he deems right or act in obedience to passion and appetite which he knows to be wrong. For that independence, for that royal prerogative, for that inalienable right, and the use he makes of it, he is held to a strict accountability directly to God. In the nature of the case he cannot divest himself of it; nor can any other person or organization release him from his responsibility.

A few examples will illustrate this principle.

To the question, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain answers: "I do not know". And so he lies to escape responsibility. But God tells him; You do know. You murdered him, and "his blood cries to me from the ground." Personal responsibility, and personal punishment, until Cain complains that "his punishment is greater than he can bear".

There was a judge in Israel, before the establish-

ment of the Kingdom, named Eli. He had two sons who were priests and directly in charge of the Ark of God. These two young priests became notorious for their greed and profligacy. By their example they were corrupting the morals of the people. Their father remonstrated. They paid no attention. They believed their sacred office a protection to their vileness; and Eli failed to use the authority of his office and the authority of his fatherhood and compel them to be decent. Then God sent him a message by one of His prophets, and another by a child in his own house. "Behold I will do a thing in Israel that will cause the ears of every one who hears it to tingle. Because you knew the vileness of your sons and restrained them not, your house shall perish from the Earth. In one day your two sons shall die; and if any of your house survive they shall be beggars and despised". And so it came to pass. In one day their armies are defeated. Hophni and Phinehas are both slain. The Ark of God taken, and Israel became a prey to their enemies for many years: And when the news is told Eli, "he falls backward in his seat at the gate of his City, breaks his neck, and dies, for he was an old man and heavy."

David the sweet singer of Israel was guilty of pride, adultery and murder. God sends a prophet to him who narrates the case of a rich man who greedily takes the one lamb of a poor man to entertain his guests and when David in his righteous indignation, not perceiving the point of the parable, declares that the greedy hound shall die for his iniquity, the prophet turns to him with menacing

finger and says; "*Thou art the man*"! No wonder David in that penitential Psalm, the 51st, cries out in agony of body and spirit: "Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O Lord!" and afterward: "Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation!" There is no Divine Right of Kings or Priests to do wrong. The so-called Divine Right of Kings and Priests did not save them from the indignation of Heaven and the divine judgments.

Elisha's servant Gehazi, who followed Naaman, after Elisha had healed him of his leprosy and had refused his gifts, told him his master had sent him to ask certain gifts of fine raiment, etc.; and received the same. For his covetousness and falsehood, at Elisha's word, he was immediately stricken with the dread disease.

When He tells us that "He has made of one blood, all the Nations that dwell upon the face of the Earth and He is the common Father of all," He is no respecter of persons or races. The white, the black, the yellow, the rich, the poor, the king, the peasant, the priest, the layman; all are treated alike, and upon the common basis of work and life. "Those who have done good are destined to eternal life. Those who have done evil to eternal punishment". Many more cases might be cited, but time and space forbid.

CHAPTER V

CITIES AND NATIONS PUNISHED FOR THE SINS OF KINGS AND PRIESTS

IN this connection it is well to discriminate between cases of direct punishment from the Almighty for sin; and the indirect suffering caused by the operation of natural law. While the Laws of Nature are the Laws of the Creator of Nature and therefore the Operations of Nature or Natural Law are indirectly the work of the Almighty; all these operations may primarily and properly be referred back to Him, and we need particular caution to forbear accusing of any special guilt those who may have endured some special or extreme suffering, or what is often called *accidental* suffering.

Our Lord tells us that the eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them, were not sinners above others in Jerusalem. Job's comforters accused him of secret sins, hidden from the light, as the cause of his extraordinary sufferings. The Lord rebuked them for their presumption—yet when He tells us that families and nations are destroyed for their iniquities, or the iniquities of their kings or other rulers; we accept those utterances as final. Genesis 4:26 tells us, "then began men to call on the name of the Lord". "The marginal reference says: "Then began men to call themselves by the name of the Lord". That is sons or children of God.

The descendants of Seth thus designated them-

selves and in so doing probably distinguished themselves from the descendants of Cain. The promises of Redemption were to be fulfilled in the descendants of Seth. Cain after the murder of Abel and the punishment inflicted upon him by the Almighty probably renounced his allegiance to God and assumed an attitude of opposition, of hostility.

In the very nature of the case Cain himself actually assumed this position. His descendants naturally followed the example of their progenitor; and prided themselves upon being *men* independent of all relationship to God, as so many in this modern age are doing. Logically and naturally the "Cainites" would call themselves children of men, sons and daughters of men, in opposition to the "Sethites" who called themselves "Sons of God".

As the book of Genesis is a Synopsis and a very brief one at that; eleven chapters giving us all that is known of the Antediluvian world which included a period of at least about 1700 years according to Archbishop Ussher's Chronology. This period, however, may have been longer; for as this part of the book is a very brief synopsis of events, the duration of time hinges upon the question; whether the genealogy from Adam to Noah gives us all the links in the chain, or only principal ones; and as these chapters present but a brief synopsis generally, the analogy would appear to hold good, that in this particular the synopsis also prevails; hence the links may be only the principal ones, and not all of those in the chronological chain. Still there are other evidences that this period was not very materially

extended. The term "son" in the Bible means a descendant, or near relative, although in one case one thousand years intervene. "Christ is called the son of David", when one thousand years lay between. Again as the time before Abraham is necessarily a brief synopsis it is probably morally certain that the Lord gave many instructions to Adam and Seth and their descendants not recorded. One of those instructions, in all probability, forbade intermarriage between the Sethites and the Cainites. We know positively that such instructions were afterward given. Abraham and his descendants and the Israelites in Egypt kept themselves apart from the Egyptians in this way; and after they entered Canaan and became an independent people the same commands were emphasized, lest marrying into a godless or idolatrous people they should become degraded to the same level physically, morally, and spiritually. Now this is exactly what happened to the Antediluvians.

A generation or two before the flood, the Sons of God, the Sethites, saw that the daughters of men, the Cainites, were fair and they took wives of them. The result was similar to what has often happened since; "The whole earth became corrupt and filled with violence". That is, all the inhabitants (both Sethites and Cainites) became corrupt and violent and God resolved to destroy the whole in one cataclysm of horror; except Noah and his family.

It must be acknowledged that there are two other interpretations of the phrase "Sons of God". One is that the "Sons of God" were supernatural *"Evil*

Spirits". This is evidently an error. In the Bible "Sons of God" are invariably *good* Spirits with special emphasis in the New Testament. To assume that the "Sons of God" mentioned in the First Chapter of Job were bad spirits is purely hypothetical without a particle of probability, and opposed to the known and positive meanings elsewhere.

The other is that they were supernatural *good* spirits which in some mysterious and fabulous manner assumed physical human natures and married these daughters of men. There is one fatal objection to this view, namely, that the union of good spirits with ordinary women would naturally produce a race immensely improved both physically and spiritually. But the very opposite was the result in this case.

Further, is there any evidence that any spirits good or bad had the power, *per se*, to assume physical bodies so as to intermarry with our race? There is not an atom of evidence in favor of this outside of the Pagan mythologies. It is unthinkable that the Lord God should so create good spirits in order to corrupt and destroy a race.

The exposition above given is the only one that will fit all the facts in the case. The two others do not harmonize with the known facts. Therefore the evidence is presumptive if not conclusive of their falsity.

Also, is such a transformation, in the nature of things probable or possible? The whole supposition is contrary to the facts, contrary to reason, and contrary to the design of the Creations and the Known

government of God.

That the "Sons of God" were Sethites and the "daughters of men" Cainites harmonizes with all the known facts and the subsequent history of the Hebrews. The intermarriage was, probably, against the Known Will and Command of God. We know positively that such commands were subsequently given the Hebrews. The issue of this marriage was what might have been expected; and what has usually happened in such cases. This also explains why the Sethites (although the promises of Redemption were vested in them) were included in one common destruction, except Noah and his family. The innocent children suffered with the rest.

A nation inevitably suffers for its own sins and often for the sins of its leaders, its Kings and priests countless children and other innocents are usually involved in the common ruin.

When any people sears its conscience; forgets its royal prerogative of personal independence, and personal responsibility for its use, directly to God; and uses its liberty as a license for lust and murder and the furies that accompany them, it is fitting itself for destruction.

"The mills of God grind slowly
But they grind exceeding small
Though with patience He stands waiting
With exactness grinds He all."

Some people cannot understand why a God of Love should doom a whole family, nation, or race to destruction. The Lord never doomed such to

destruction until they had become so degraded and devilish that the good of the race demanded it.

In God's government, through all human history, one life, or a thousand, or a million, is of little consequence when weighed in the balances against *Truth* and *Righteousness*. There is much Sentimental Christianity (so called) of the milk and water variety, which does not understand that "God hates sin with a perfect hatred." Those people who ignore conscience and abdicate their independent sovereignty and inalienable rights need expect nothing but destruction. When the measure of their iniquities is full, with an un pitying eye and unsparing hand they are consigned to oblivion or worse. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God". But some will say, I don't believe in your God. I believe in fate and facts. Yes! but your fate and facts are as unfeeling and merciless as you think our God is.

But again we should discriminate between those doomed to destruction by the Almighty; and those suffering through the operation of natural Law, and the great army of the martyrs, slaughtered by fiendish bigotry and Satanic hate in opposition to the benevolent purposes of God. But even here we have His promise that "He will cause the wrath of man to praise Him; and will restrain the remainder thereof." And so it has become a maxim of God's people. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church". He will not prevent His own people from suffering under certain conditions; but will overrule those conditions for righteousness.

Truth and righteousness are eternal—Truth will triumph and continue. Everything opposed to Truth will be destroyed and pass away, whether in church or state. Every church not founded on Eternal Truth and Love,—on God's word, will perish. Those who have done evil regardless of their connections, racial, national, or religious, are destined to Eternal infamy.

This digression has been for two purposes. First, to justify the ways of God with men; and Second, to illustrate and enforce the fundamental principles of humanity heretofore enumerated.

The fate of Sodom and the other cities of the plain also emphasize the fact that moral and physical degradation invite swift ruin. The case of Eli and his sons further proves the punishment of all the people for the sins of its priests. The moral sense of the people had sadly dimmed or they would not have tolerated such priests. Not only are the vile priests slain but the whole people are punished. The Philistines subdue them and rule them with a rod of iron for years. They justly suffer. There is no Divine right of priests except to live righteously, just as other men.

In the case of David the nation suffered for the pride, adultery and murder of their King. The moral atmosphere of the nation should have been so sensitive that the king would not have dared to commit such crimes. God fiercely rebukes the so called Divine Right of Kings and priests. There is no Divine right except to live and rule in Obedience to Divine Law; and disobedience and

sin bring certain retribution to the transgressors; and also to the peoples who tolerated them.

Jeroboam the son of Nebat has the notorious distinction of being "the man who made Israel to sin". At the head of the ten tribes he seceded from the splendid Kingdom of David and Solomon; and to prevent them returning to their allegiance to Rehoboam and the temple worship at Jerusalem he made two calves of gold and instituted the old Egyptian idolatry.

The people submitted, and too readily adopted the idol worship. But the Lord sent his prophet to warn Jeroboam that his house should perish from the earth which it shortly did. The people also crushed and slaughtered by their enemies, driven from their country, exiled, scattered, their identity completely lost; for 2500 years they have been spoken of as the "Lost Tribes". While the King is regarded as the chief sinner and his immediate descendants meet a violent death,—yet the people cannot release themselves from personal responsibility by imputing it to their King. One common destruction embraces all. No people can abdicate their individual independence and responsibility and try to place the blame on priest or King or any one else without incurring inevitable punishment, if not total destruction. Nemesis is abroad in the earth. He never fails to vindicate his claims. Only two more illustrations will be introduced on this subject.

CHAPTER VI

JEWISH PUNISHMENT FOR IDOLATRY AND OTHER SINS

IN the reign of Zedekiah King of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon captured the City and sacked it. The old men and women were brutally murdered; the little children were dashed to death against the pavement; the young men and women were carried into captivity to Babylon where they spent seventy years in abject slavery and exile. The prophet's lament in the 137th Psalm is pathetic beyond description. "By the River of Babylon we sat down, yea we wept when we remembered Zion." This effectually cured the Jews of idolatry. And now for over 2500 years they have kept themselves clean from this almost universal degradation and iniquity.

The other instance is that of Jerusalem, destroyed by the Roman Titus. When the Apostate church of Jerusalem rejected our Lord and decided to kill Him, He wept over the doomed city and said: "O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! thou that killest the prophets and stonest them who are sent unto thee how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings but ye would not. Behold your house is left unto you desolate." And when His disciples called His attention to the grandeur of the temple building He sadly answered: "Behold the time cometh when there

shall not be one stone left upon another that shall not be thrown down." The awful account of the siege and destruction of Jerusalem by Josephus is ghastly and makes the blood run cold even to read it at this late day. Two factions inside the City were fiendishly slaughtering each other while the common enemy was outside the walls. The famine was so terrible that they ate rats and mice; anything eatable no matter how disgusting. Some soldiers catching the odor of meat in the street rushed into the house and demanded it. The mother turned down a cloth revealing the body of her own child already partly eaten. They left the house horrified. So Josephus! When the Jews were demanding Jesus' death of Pilate crying "crucify Him! crucify Him!" he twice refused declaring the man innocent. But when they reminded him that he was no friend to Caesar if he let this man go; for he claimed to be a King which of course made him a rebel against Caesar; then Pilate weakened and took water and washed his hands and said to the Rioters and representatives of the Jewish church, "I am clean from the blood of this just man, see ye to it"! They answered, "his blood be upon us and our children". About forty years afterwards this terrible imprecation had an awful realization in the utter destruction of the City. It is said that so many were crucified outside the wall there was no longer wood enough to make crosses. About ten years after the Crucifixion Pilate was recalled to Rome to answer accusations of tyranny and other crimes. He was banished to Gaul. There is now a mountain in

Switzerland rising from the border of Lake Lucerne called Pilatus; and there is a legend that Pilate, tired of his exile and misery, cast himself into the lake; and his spirit or ghost had been frequently heard moaning in the mountains. The water which laved his hands did not wash away either his guilt or his punishment. He alone had the power to condemn Christ to the death of the cross. Twice he declared Him innocent. His wife sent a message to him before the judgment was rendered, "Have thou nothing to do with this just man for I have suffered many things in a dream because of Him this night". He knowingly condemned an innocent man. He received a Providential warning. Notwithstanding all he condemned Him and fearfully suffered for it. There is no way to escape personal responsibility and personal punishment. It is vain to seek it.

In the nature of man's moral constitution it is impossible. All who have condemned to death innocent people will suffer a just penalty. The following principle is equally true. In the nature of man's moral constitution it is absurd and impossible for any man or organization of men, lay or cleric, to assume another's responsibility. It is against nature as well as against God. Those who assume to do so are liars and imposters. Every falsehood of Philosophy or Religion will be swept into oblivion. Truth only shall endure. Every unrighteous nation and apostate church will either reform or die. Every edict, law or custom, intended to restrict or destroy the independent sovereignty of man-

hood, his individual liberty and personal responsibility, equally degrades humanity and dishonors God. It is hostile to the constitution of man embedded in his nature when created, and necessarily degrades and enslaves him. When a man yields his individual liberty to King or Priest he is abdicating his manhood, fitting himself for destruction, and incurring the condemnation and curse of the Almighty.

Faith works by love and the faith that does not work by love is not Christian Faith. The works following Christian Faith are "love, joy, peace, long suffering, temperance, patience and gentleness, etc." Hate, torture, murder are Satanic. Christ never gave any sword to Peter; and the only one we know Peter had he was commanded not to use. The professions or presumptions of a Divine foundation that must maintain or propagate itself by exile, imprisonment, torture and death, is of the devil and not of God. The man or organization or class of men that teach that they can release others' responsibilities and assume them have a like evil origin.

CHAPTER VII

MODERN IDOLATRY

WE are living in the midst of a blatant and aggressive idolatry today; we wink at it for the sake of gain or power; we enrich it. We Protestants pour our wealth into it. We have made the Roman Church the wealthiest organization on earth, as we believe. "The Queen of Heaven" is worshiped today in our midst as she was in the days of Jeremiah. And the Judgments of God pronounced against ancient Israel for idolatry will cleave to us; and the curse of the Almighty visit us, for our idolatry. The priest takes the cake and pronounces over it, "*Hoc est corpus meum*" and tells his people it is no longer a cake but the actual body and blood of our Lord and they all worship the pancake god. They are the only pagans, Ancient or Modern, who create their god and then eat him.

As a very prominent Romanist writer phrases it: "The priest in a sense creates his Creator and it takes as much power to do this as to remove a mountain". This blasphemous fiction against reason, against philosophy, against the evidence of our senses, is accepted by a people forbidden to think and threatened with mortal sin, and the terrors of eternal condemnation if they dare the priestly fiat; so it is *adored* and then *devoured*.

In the Acts of the Apostles 1:3 it is said: "to whom He showed Himself alive, after his passion by

many *infallible proofs* being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God". These infallible proofs are of course the evidence of the senses. By the same infallible proofs the wafer is still a wafer and nothing more. Now the logical result of this teaching in time will be to adore the priest who has power to create his Creator. And by millions of people he is held in abject fear and veneration very nearly approaching the adoration paid the Almighty.

How any intelligent people can accept such arrogance, such absurdities, such blasphemies, is too much of a mystery for the Protestant intellect to understand. "The Lord thy God is a jealous God; and His glory He will not give to another, neither His praise to graven images". So the Bible tells us God is jealous of His supremacy. His indignation will reach those who would rob Him of it. We as a nation are now too great and powerful and rich to fear *external aggression*. But our greatness, our power, and wealth may be quickly shattered by *internal division and violence*. Let us wash our hands of idolatry if we would escape the righteous judgments of a jealous God!

CHAPTER VIII

THE RIGHT TO DEMAND FINAL AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT

RIGHT and Wrong are distinctions, *Eternal, Immutable, Inherent*, in the nature of things. Man was created with the faculty of recognizing these distinctions. Notwithstanding the blunting of this faculty by ignorance and vice it is still recognized in its simplest form or element as universal. This underlying principle is there though sometimes sadly warped; ignorant and superstitious. The consciousness of the difference between Right and Wrong and the responsibility to practice the one and avoid the other is a fundamental and inalienable element or faculty of humanity. Thus he was created! The "I ought" and "I ought not" is not something acquired, is not an accomplishment of civilized life. It is one of the fundamental characteristics of humanity, written into his constitution, imbedded in his nature, in his creation. After Adam had transgressed in the garden he hid himself from the Divine presence, which previously he had welcomed with joy and gratitude. He played the coward and the sneak. As Shakespeare tells us: "Conscience makes cowards of us all".

As to the foundations and distinctions of Right and Wrong allow some explanations and illustration. There are some careless thinkers and superficial observers who have different theories on this

subject. Some think God's command is the authority for Right or Wrong—Not so; but He commands it because it is eternally and inherently Right or Wrong. He says "thou shalt not steal" because stealing is sin, is wrong, in the eternal nature of things which He has created. Suppose God never uttered the command, still it would be wrong, nevertheless. God says "thou shalt not kill" or in the present understanding "thou shalt do no murder". Suppose he had never said so, this would not alter the fact of its criminality. Suppose again, if it may be lawful, that Jesus should have taught that it is no sin or a light one, whose remission is easily purchased, then our Lord would have destroyed the race in thus condoning sin. With all due respect for the Almighty if He had done so, intelligent, moral, humanity would curse Him to His face and refuse adoration. Sinful humanity, knowing the power and degradation of sin could create a superior and better god. But thank God He has not done so but instead refers back the act to the desire or intention to commit it. "He that *hateth* his brother is a *Murderer*." "He that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." "Let your yea be yea and your nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of Evil". Simple, Absolute Truth; and "All liars shall have their portion in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone forever".

Under the spirit and law of the New Testament, lying, stealing, adultery, idolatry and murder, are sins which the blood of the Atonement shed on Cal-

vary can alone wash away. In the very nature of things they are crimes against humanity and sins against God. There is no human power to absolve the soul from this guilt. All the wealth of the world could not absolve a soul from one sin. All the prayers of a Priesthood or of all the priesthods since Noah's time are not worth a picayune in such a case; and the individual who accepts money for such a purpose is a hypocrite and a thief and will answer to God for it. *"Who will reward every man according to his deeds"*, not according to his church or creed.

When Romanism, Mohammedanism, or Ancient or Modern Paganism issues an edict to assassinate an individual or a whole people, it is murder for which the Supreme Judge will hold all such accountable. It is "stealing the Livery of Heaven to serve the Devil". To commit murder under a cloak of Sacredotalism for a supposed benefit to some church or organization, is not Christian. It is Satanic. Those, that are crimes in the nature of things, cannot be transformed into Virtues by any fiat, human or Divine.

And now since Right and Wrong are distinctions, Eternal, Immutable, and Inherent, in the nature of things; and it is a fundamental faculty and inalienable Right of every man to decide for himself. Since God has so created him with this consciousness and corresponding responsibility, then he has the Right to demand of the Supreme Judge of all the earth an individual judgment according to the deeds of each.

Many of the holiest of men and women have

suffered the most horrible tortures and agonies at the will of incarnate fiends. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? Will there not be a Supreme Court that will render justice, yes, eternal justice, to those victims; and justice also to their torturers and murderers? If not the moral nature in man is a sham; and the Creator of it the one Supreme Hypocrite of the Universe!

But the word of God answers this demand of humanity. The demand for a Supreme Court and a final and eternal Judgment according to personal and individual deeds. Character is the basis of Judgment. There are no exceptions. There is no Divine Right of King or Priest to do wrong; or to evade its punishment.

St. Matthew's Gospel says: "He shall gather all nations before Him as a Shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats and will say to those on his right hand 'Come ye blessed of my Father inherit a Kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world'. To those on his left hand he will say: 'Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels.'"

Also in Revelations 6:9, 10, we are told: "When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a loud voice, saying; How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell upon the earth?"

Thus God recognizes man's right to demand a

final and eternal Judgment; and separation of the righteous and the wicked. And promises in Rev. 21:27 that "there shall nothing enter into heaven that defileth or maketh a lie." The beauty, harmony, and holiness of Heaven and of God's redeemed people shall not be destroyed by the presence of "anybody that defileth or maketh a lie". Thank God!—Glory to His holy name!—

Another writer, Rev. Mercer G. Johnston, Rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Newark, N. J., in a sermon upon the text: "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ", recently very forcibly said, in part:

"When the universal creed of humanity is written, I make no doubt that one article of it will be: 'We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.' Some such clause was in the first creed, is in every sincere current creed, and will be in the last creed of mankind. This article of human belief dates back to the day that Adam and Eve, with the forbidden fruit sticking in their throats, fled from the presence of the Lord God, and hid themselves among the trees of the garden. From that day to this every man of sound mind has been estopped from pleading in defense of his wrong-doing his ignorance of the fact that he was to be called to account for his conduct. That 'every one of us shall give account of himself to God', is one of the fixed facts of human consciousness. It cannot be ignored except it be ignored wilfully. Nobody except a mole-like materialist with mud on his brain, or a silly sentimentalist with tears on his brain, or a sensualist whose

'god is his belly', or a moral trifle or traitor, would be tempted to ignore it. How clearly it is often recognized by the simple ones of earth!

None of us objects to being judged. Not, at least, in our better moments; not except when the beast in us has his paw on the bosom of the angel in us. On the contrary, we demand judgment. We would never consent not to be judged. In our regard, judgment is not merely a divine prerogative. It is a human right. It is part and parcel of man's 'Bill of Rights'. It is God's duty to judge us. To be deprived of the right of being judged would be to degrade man to the level of a brute or devil. To be judged is the inalienable right of a man. 'The Lord judge between me and thee' are the words that are flashed every moment from earth to heaven by men and nations in strong dispute.

We hear a good deal of talk nowadays about a God of infinite love and overwhelming good nature, who is such a 'good' God, such a 'good fellow'; and we are told that it is foolish to think that this 'good' God will ever make a separation between the good and the bad; that he will smile at the silly sheep, and wink at the wicked goats, and let them all pass into the heavenly fold. We hear it said that the doctrine concerning hell has been discovered to be an old wives' fable, and that it is incompatible with belief in this 'good' God.

When the temptation comes to us to indulge in such foolish flabby talk, let us remind ourselves that if there is in existence such a god as this, he is not the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, but

a god of recent manufacture, a man-made god, and as distinctly discreditable to his maker as was the soulless monster of the student Frankenstein to his maker.

No man in his sober senses believes that it does not matter whether a man lives like the Apostle Paul or the emperor Nero. Nothing can ever crush out the conviction from the human heart that there must be one place for Sextus Tarquinius, and another for Lucretia, the victim of his lechery; one place for Judas Iscariot the traitor and another for St. John the beloved disciple. The man who doubts this is not tender-hearted; he is soft-headed and rotten-hearted.

Of course we believe in the separation of the good and the bad in the life that is to be. There is not a good man, there is not a good woman, but would be perplexed in the extreme to find in heaven those foul spirits whose very names desecrate the pages of human history. Try as hard as we might, we could not for a moment adore the God who was such a moral imbecile as to make no distinction between the worst and the best of mankind. Every righteous man would rightly rebel against the rule of such a moral monstrosity, curse him to his face, and gladly take the consequences."

The following then constitute the Bill of Rights of all Humanity. They are the inalienable Rights, the Royal Prerogatives, the Absolute Essentials, of all intelligent Manhood. The ignoring, or failure to preserve, these Rights is simply abdicating manhood and being degraded into a *tool*, a *thing*, —fit

instruments in the hands of designing, ambitious, and unscrupulous, men and organizations, for mobs, murder and revolution. Take Mexico for a very sad but forcible illustration. Intensely Romanist! Intensely ignorant! Intensely impoverished! Intensely Revolutionary! Now for six years one continual revolution succeeding revolution. Her people destroying each other and destroying the resources of their own country. Internecine slaughter and destruction. Unspeakable miseries of famine, of widows, and orphans. The curse of the Almighty upon ignorance, superstition and vice.

Those fundamentals of the "Bill of Rights" of all humanity may be briefly summed up as the following:

1. Personal Independence of Choice and Action.
2. Personal Responsibility therefor directly to God.
3. No divine Right of Kings or Priests to do wrong or evade Responsibility.
4. Families and Nations often suffer for the sins of their leaders.
5. No man has the Right or Power to evade his own Responsibility or assume another's.
6. The Right to demand individual and final Judgment of the Moral Governor of the Universe.

The Principles and Practices of the Roman Catholic Church are a crime against Manhood and a Rebellion against God.

Rome denounced every one of the above Bill of Rights of our race; and Pope Pius IX in his "Syllabus of Errors" says:

"The Right of every man to choose such religion as he pleases is a damnable heresy".

Logically and necessarily all the others proceed from the individual independence of *choice and action*.

Rome denies the right of any one to question her commands, or to *think anything* different from the teaching of her Church. She deluged Europe and parts of America with blood in the vain endeavors to enforce this human tyranny and monstrous arrogance. Five centuries ago there were not probably five million souls in Christendom independent of her control. These were scattered and hidden away in the mountain fastnesses and caves and in the secluded valleys; and even here by the order of the Pope they were hunted down and butchered as though they were wolves or devils. We even see the Pope and his principal clergy organizing processions and singing *te deums* in honor of these butcheries. We find the priests and monks rejoicing in, and gloating over, the agonies of their wretched victims broken on the rack, roasting in the flames, and other fiendish tortures and forms of death. These are not Protestant lies, they are the records left us by Popes and other high priests and prominent writers of the Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses are so numerous and the corroborative evidence so accumulative, no intelligent person can escape the conviction of their absolute truth. The Pope denies individual liberty of conscience, the personal right to think and choose, and curses every life, and every limb and function of the body with a

long list of most awful curses of which Beelzebub himself would be ashamed. The smaller imps are even more vindictive than Satan.

The Roman Church assumes to stand between the Soul and God. She orders the assassination of her enemies and pretends to give full absolution for murder and a free passport to heaven to the murderer with a promise of Eternal bliss. The most amazing thing about this is that anybody but an imbecile or a criminal can believe it. Not only so but she commands a people or a nation to extirpate a whole people with fire and sword and claims to assume all responsibility therefor and even to shower benedictions upon the murderers. This is an advance upon the arrogance and tyranny of Ancient Paganism. No wonder the Scriptures describe her, "The great Babylonish Whore—the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the Earth", "Drunken with the blood of the saints", And foretells her utter and awful destruction. "Babylon is fallen, is fallen! and the smoke of her burning ascends to heaven".

The Pope now claims to be not only the *representative* of Jesus Christ but actually, in a sense, Jesus Christ Himself, and any dishonor to his authority dishonors God. What transcendent Arrogance! What impious and arrogant blasphemy!

When will the intelligence and manhood of the world rebel against this tyranny? How long will they suffer it! How long will this upas tree be allowed to curse and blast all that is best, most noble, and dignified, in human nature? How long, O Lord!

CHAPTER IX

THE ORIGIN OF A PRIESTLY CASTE

THE book of Genesis tells us the Lord God made coats of skins and clothed Adam and Eve before they were driven from the Garden of Eden. The skins are supposed to be those of the animals offered in sacrifice or possibly used for food. But we are certainly told that Cain and Abel offered sacrifices. "By faith Abel offered a more excellent offering than Cain", recognizing the fact "that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins". This thought God pressed upon the consciousness of the Antediluvians as well as in all the Centuries, B. C.; because this teaching centered, and found its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the one perfect sacrifice for all sin; and the one and only means of redemption for all sinners. Afterward we find Noah building an altar and offering sacrifices to God when he and his came forth of the Ark after the flood had subsided—This would indicate that the *habit* of sacrificing had continued through those degenerate centuries before the flood. Later we find Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, building altars and offering sacrifices. We also find Job offering sacrifices for himself and his children; lest in their feasts, merriment, and rejoicing they might have uttered vain or impious words to stir the anger of the most high God—Job's exact place in chronology is unknown, but is supposed to date back very nearly to the time of

Abraham.

This is known as the Patriarchal form of government when the head of the family was, in a large sense, both its King and Priest.

The period from the flood to Abraham was probably much longer than that indicated by Archbishop Ussher. It probably extended over thousands of years instead of hundreds.

As the fore part of the book of Genesis is a very brief synopsis, Genealogical links from Noah to Abraham may not be all the links in the chain but only the principal ones. This does no violence to the interpretation of the Scriptures, but is in entire harmony with the other portions of them. A grandson or other near relative is sometimes called a son as in the case of Belshazzar. Also Christ is called the son of David when there were one thousand years between them. One of the leading scholars of the world, one of the faculty of Princeton University, Professor William Henry Green, gives it as his opinion that the human race has been upon the earth from ten thousand to twenty thousand years.

The tablets unearthed in Babylonia and Egypt certainly indicate at least a period between those two dates. The facts that the span of human life was reduced from 950 years, the age of Noah, to 175 years, age of Abraham, is strong corroborative evidence of the above estimate.

Until Abraham's time we have an abundance of myth and legend but very little reliable history. A large part of that which is reliable comes from tablets recently excavated in Syria, Assyria, Baby-

lonia, and Egypt. Also from inscriptions in hieroglyphic, cuneiform, and other ancient symbols or languages in tombs, caves, and on monuments. These recently interpreted throw considerable light upon the dark ages of antiquity. The earliest glimpses of history of the most ancient nations show the priestly caste already established. Those oldest nations are generally recognized as Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, and India.

Before quoting the evidence from the ancient nations, let us see if we can construct an hypothesis that will naturally, necessarily, and logically explain the evolution of this priestly caste.

The principal causes of the evolution, and origin of the Priestly caste were ignorance and impiety—When the people began to increase upon the earth after the flood they naturally separated into families and tribes. Then acts of violence would occur which would provoke retribution; and sometimes slaughter and slavery. There were always in the world ambitious, selfish and coldblooded persons and people, determined to rule or ruin. These also caused more or less violence, bloodshed and slavery. The earliest histories we have tell us the captives were either slaughtered, held for ransom if prominent or rich, or enslaved. And they speak as though these customs had been previously established. Necessarily these customs would produce dense ignorance and servile obedience in large masses of people. They, therefore, lost the knowledge of God and of personal responsibility so prominent in the creation of man and in the brief history of the

first centuries of his existence on the earth. But man being naturally and constitutionally a religious being sought someone to offer sacrifices and pray to some supposed Deity. The necessities of his nature impelled him to this course. The priest once chosen or appointed to be a mediator between God or other deities and men, gradually assumed the dictation and mastership of the individual conscience; He claimed to be the prime, and almost only source of knowledge of the Supreme Creator and Governor of the universe; or of the inferior deities, the creations of their own imaginations. The knowledge of the Supreme Being gradually fading out of the ignorant and the degraded masses, all kinds of gods and goddesses were invented as objects of worship, usually beginning with the sun and moon and then descending to animals and forces of nature. Even ideas were personified and worshipped. The altars of these deities were enriched with innumerable and sometimes almost invaluable offerings—The priests eventually became a wealthy, intelligent, powerful and despotic machinery, which crushed, demoralized and brutalized the masses of the people.

A single example from the scriptures will illuminate this natural and inevitable procedure.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Job were, each a priest in his own family, building their altars and offering their sacrifices. But after the 400 years residence and generations of miserable slavery, in Egypt where the masses of people had become ignorant, and almost brutish, by the oppression, cruelty, and wretchedness of their almost hopeless

condition; one of the first provisions for the future government and worship of the people was the establishment of a written code for religious as well as civic control. Then one tribe was chosen to whom was committed the religious services and ceremonial of the tabernacle; and afterward of the temple for the whole people. Their general ignorance, absolute dependence, and servile condition unfitted them for the patriarchal life of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Job. This illustrates the *modus operandi* of the other nations; but these not having the direct interposition of God in such measure as the descendants of Abraham gradually declined into the most debasing and sensual forms of idolatry.

Priests in Ancient Egypt

The "Book of the Dead" probably gives us the earliest glimpses into the Egyptian history. This book was originally in fragmentary and independent form. In the 18th Dynasty about 1500 B. C. it was first written in full but without any method or arrangement. In the 26th Dynasty about 800 B. C. it was re-written and re-arranged in its present form. It is largely prayers and litanies to the gods who control the lower world, the habitations of the dead. At first these were short and few in number and traditional. Afterward we are told, "they were written down when the *priests* had doubts of the meaning of certain terms, and wished to hand them on unimpaired to posterity; being influenced by the belief that this sacred book was, as such, magically potent".

When the scribe Ani pleads with Osiris for admission to the underworld he says among other matters. "I am the *priest* pouring forth libations at Tattu, I am the prophet in Abydos".

We have also the speech of "Amman, the priest" and of the *priest* Samerif.

The historian says, "one of the oldest chapters in the book of the Dead, as old at least as the first Dynasty, say 4500 B. C." Gaston Maspero, one of the best authorities on Egypt, says; "the fantastic legends concocted by the *priests* go on to relate how at length Egypt was civilized by Osiris and Isis, etc."

So there can be no doubt of a priestly caste in a very remote antiquity in Egypt. But of the origin of the caste we have no knowledge.

The Priestly Caste in Ancient India

Vedism, Brahmanism, and Hinduism are the forms of the earliest religious life in India in the order mentioned. The Mahabharata is an epic of great beauty and power mainly concerned with religious life in India during some of the first centuries of the Christian era; although some of it probably reaches back to 1000 B. C.

Two extracts from this epic follow.

"It is not proper to rebuke or even blame wrong acts of gods, or *priests* or seers; though no one is justified in following them in these acts".

"The greatest sin that a King can commit is atoned for by sacrifices accompanied with large gifts to the *priests*."

We not only see the priestly caste existing here in India, but we also see in Ancient Paganism an exact image of Modern Paganism falsely called a Christian church.

Priests in Ancient Babylonia and Assyria

Gaston Maspero again says: "While the ordinary *priest* chose for himself a single deity as master, the *priest-king* exercised universal sacerdotal functions". "As the temples were numerous and the deities almost innumerable the number of priests must have been very great"—

There we find rising out of the dark and impenetrable mists of antiquity the priestly caste coming into bold relief in all the oldest nations of the earth. The impenetrable folds of these first centuries or millenniums emit no ray of light on the origin of the priestly caste. Our first knowledge is they *are* there. Their *being* is certain. The mode of their *becoming* or evolution is quite uncertain. Like causes, however, produce like effects. From what is known of the origin of the Israelite priesthood the same causes, the ignorance, slavery and impiety of the masses, must have given rise to the priestly caste in the other nations. As man is created free to choose good or evil with the consciousness of guilt and responsibility to some higher power from whom he may secure rewards or punishments both in this life and the next, it necessarily follows that this part of his nature forces recognition and urges him to find some one to supply the pressing wants of his relig-

ious desire for mediation and sacrifice when he has become too ignorant and brutish to perform these functions for himself.

This slavish renunciation of his personal rights and prerogatives—This ignoring, blotting out the image of his creator stamped upon him in creation; this abdicating his glorious, independent, manhood, is emphatically “Paradise Lost”. When through enlightenment and moral stamina he emerges from the old condition of ignorance, passive, servile, obedience and brutish passion to one of personal and sovereign independence; personal, direct, and supreme, responsibility to God; and brings his soul into communion with the Highest then and then only is “Paradise Regained” as far as it can possibly be in this life; and becomes a foretaste of that perfect life in the “Paradise of God”.

PART II

THE DIGNITY OF MAN AS SHOWN IN HIS REDEMPTION

CHAPTER I

THE COST

IN common speech and practice the price paid for anything is the measure of its value. This will hold good as a rule in all commercial transactions. Quite often less is paid than a fair value; and sometimes the thing is not worth the price paid for it. Yet the rule, as a rule holds good. It holds equally, in the sphere of morals. Doctor Holmes, on this subject, pertinently says:

“Common good has common price
Exceeding good exceeding
Christ ope’d the gates of Paradise
By cruel bleeding.”

A day’s labor may be worth \$1.00 or \$10.00 according to whether it is common or expert labor.

The United States government paid Russia Fifteen Million Dollars for the Alaskan territory, and it is now considered very cheap at that price. Our country has paid about Four Hundred Million Dollars for the Panama Canal, and the number of millions necessary to keep it open is still an unknown quantity. Yet there is no general complaint of this tremendous expenditure. The Swiss paid millions of treasure and thousands, if not millions, of lives to achieve their independence which they have now sacredly preserved for Centuries.

The Netherlands carried on a terribly devastating and fatal war for over forty years. It was one of the most cruel, heartless and cold-blooded struggles in human history. It was waged against Spain, the most powerful Kingdom of Europe in that day. The religious intolerance, persecution, exile, torture and murder, of innocent men, women, and children, exceeded the horrors of the battlefield. According to Mr. Motley, the historian of this period, about three millions of people perished in those years. The infamous Duke of Alva boasted that he caused the death of over eighteen thousand innocent men, women and children besides those slain in battle, innocent of all crime except heresy. Besides the most agonizing tortures ever invented by any ancient paganism, the ax, the cord, the bullet and the stake were in almost constant requisition. Holland achieved and has since preserved her liberties, and her manhood. Surely one life or a million is a small price to pay for Truth. Motley's "History of the Rise of the Dutch Republic and of the United Provinces" is terribly interesting but exceedingly instructive.

Our own country paid a fearful price in the seven years War of Independence to resist injustice and oppression and obtain the liberty of self government. A man abdicates his manhood when he voluntarily submits to, and endures, unjust dictation, or tyranny. So does a people. To them it is intrinsically and fundamentally "Paradise Lost". To regain that individual or National Liberty, is also individually, fundamentally, and in a sense, paramount, "Paradise

Regained". Loyalty to Truth has cost the world an awful price. The great army of the martyrs died for Truth. It is estimated that Pagan Rome destroyed several millions of Christians for no crime but loyalty to Christ and His Truth. It is also estimated that the Roman Church has caused the death of fifty to seventy millions of the best people on earth, men, women, and children, for no crime except refusal to adopt her Apostasies.

Mr. Lecky, a prominent English writer, says: "That the Roman Catholic Church has slaughtered more innocent people than any other organization that ever existed upon the earth, no one who has a competent knowledge of History will deny". These died for the Truth as they understood it. They were among the purest and best of our human race. They were thrown to the lions in the Arena and torn to pieces. They were tarred all over and set on fire. And what was still worse sometimes tortured over a slow fire until nature succumbed. Thousands were slaughtered in midnight and daylight assassinations. For the St. Bartholomew Massacre the pope, cardinal, and principal clergy of Rome, went in solemn procession to the church of St. Peter and St. Paul and sang a *te Deum*; and then ordered medals struck off to adorn the vile perpetrators of this foul massacre. Even a prominent Archbishop of France wrote a letter to Charles IX of France congratulating him upon the success of his treachery and wholesale slaughter, saying, "it was more complete than he had ever dared to hope". This cool, premeditated rejoicing in hypo-

crisy, treachery, and murder is, if possible, more contemptible and fiendish than the slaughter itself.

There is something sublime in the spectacle of a man or woman saying: "What you ask is not right or true". "It is contrary to the Word of God. It is sin. I cannot subscribe to it." Well we will burn you. "I cannot go against my conscience." "I must be loyal to Christ and His Truth." "I defy your fires!" "All the powers of earth and hell are powerless to force me to do what I believe is wrong." "I obey God rather than man!" And the stake is planted and the fires lighted and the martyr for Jesus dies a victor. "I stand on the Eternal Truth of God's Word." "I live or die on this platform". "I defy your tortures!" "I defy your bloody axes!" "I defy your stakes and flames!" I am an independent sovereign. I do what I believe is right and dare all consequences. My only Lord and Master Jesus Christ set me the example. He died for the Truth; and he commands me "to fear not them who can kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." The noble army of the martyrs! both men and women! There was St. Paul, and Savonarola, John Huss and Jerome of Prague, Archbishop Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer, and millions of others. The awful dignity of human nature at its best, "made but a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor." The glorious image of God in man. "These are they who have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb". And in their own blood also,

"They shall stand before God as Kings and Priests for ever and ever."

What a fearful price has been paid for our liberties! Millions are indifferent to their awful cost and their inestimable value. God grant they may not have a fearful and bloody awakening from their indifference!

CHAPTER II

THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

WHEN He was led bound before Pilate's judgment seat they accused Him of rebellion against Cæsar claiming that He was a King. Pilate asked Him art Thou a King then? Yes, He answered, "I am a King but my Kingdom is not of this world. To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness to the Truth." Our glorious Redeemer set the example, Dying for the Truth! How many millions of earth's Kings and Queens have since died for the Truth! The price paid to maintain or regain man's Constitutional liberties, his God given and inalienable rights! His sufferings in imprisonment in foul dungeons, in awful torture and violent death, no integral or differential calculus can estimate or express. The record is before the Throne of God. In the last great day it shall be revealed and there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among those who inflicted fiendish torture and violent death in the name of the Christ.

CHAPTER III

THE BEST THINGS CANNOT BE BOUGHT

WHILE we pay various prices for different forms of good yet there are some things no money can buy. They are the most precious things of life beyond all price. One of the most common blessings of life is sunshine. And the sun shines equally "upon the evil and the good"—the common heritage of all. Without it life would be impossible; yet it comes without any care or labor of ours. The sun is the most fitting and powerful emblem of the Sun of Righteousness without whom spiritual death would pervade the universe.

Another blessing is friendship and love. The ancients understood this. One maxim is "*Vera Amicitia est sempiterna*" (true friendship is everlasting). It is a sentiment founded upon real or supposed virtue or excellence. A love and loyalty that no sorrow or sickness, no misfortunes or calamities can destroy and that no money can buy. A flame to light the dark shadows of Hades. Eternal!

The friendship of Damon and Pythias, also of David and Jonathan are historic. Thousands of others not so well known are similar. It is interesting to note in this connection that one of our latest and most noted scientists has stated that affection or love is inextinguishable even by death; and that this is capable of demonstration.

One of the saddest sights is an old man or an old

woman who has outlived relatives and whose life has been so unlovely (to use no harsher term) that they have no warm friends. The utter hopelessness and loneliness of such an existence is beyond the power of poet or painter to express. May the good God pity them!

God is love; and love is God's best gift to man. Faith works by love. Love is the necessary and only link between Christian Faith and work. This principle should be repeated and reiterated until indelibly printed upon the mind and heart of all people. It is the touch of Ithuriel's spear which differentiates the true Christian from the Apostate. It is the more necessary since some forms of Religion posing as Christian are malignant and murderous. Their vital breath is, and has been for one thousand years, hatred, torture, and murder. Envy, jealousy, and hate, are of the Devil, the foul vapors from the lowest hell. Love, joy, peace, temperance, gentleness, are the necessary and universal fruits of the Christian life. By love is meant not that selfish passion and desire centering in the subject; but in the unselfish sentiment centering, not in the subject, but the object.

Some people allege that the present war in Europe demonstrates the uselessness and worthlessness of Christian religion; its utter want of vital and dynamic force to convert the world to Righteousness. The Prince of Peace is only another myth to be placed in the category with Osiris, Zeus, and Jupiter. These objectors have never felt the power of a Christian Life in their own hearts or they would

know better. Christianity is a Life; not a ceremonial. They also have neglected to scan the German life of the past twenty years. If they had they would have noticed the deplorable rhythmic break in the Christian spirit of the German Empire. The teaching of General Bernhardt, Nietzsche, Emperor William and nearly all of the leaders of German life, has been in substance and almost verbally, that the German people are the best on earth, that they are the only people fit to govern all the others; and the others are only fit to be governed.

This teaching is not Christian. It is Satanic. The song of the siren appealed to the conceit and ambition of the German nation and they were led away by it to their own destruction. The Lutheran Church had the pith and life eaten out of it; there was only the husk left, or they would have condemned this teaching and prevented its poisoning the national life. Coward sychophants! or as Jeremiah calls them, "Dumb Dogs"! Set on the walls of Zion for a warning and protection they never emitted a howl. Now they can weep and howl for their millions of widows and orphans; for their splendid young manhood daily filling bloody graves; for their devastated and impoverished country with the universal funeral pall casting its baleful and agonizing shadow over the whole land. To escape utter destruction they now cry for peace. But there is no peace at the time of this writing 1917.

If the German nation did not suffer for their presumption, pride, and hate, then the Almighty must have abdicated His prerogative as the one Righteous

judge of all men. There would be a missing link in the control of that which protects truth, justice, and love. He is now teaching Germany a very much needed lesson in *Brotherhood* not *Masterhood*. Then there will be the old excuse; "Our rulers led us into this". You should not have been so led. Why did not Christian Germany and German manhood cry out against it? Why did you vote such tremendous sums for battleships, for dominating armament on land and sea? Why have you more love and admiration for your Emperor and army than you have for God? Why does the independent sovereign manhood accept abuse and insult from all classes of the military? Why? Good God, how you suffer for it! The world never suffered such woe! It is enough to make the angels weep!

Notwithstanding the slaughter, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and other workers, tell us of the revival of the Christian life in nearly all of the Armies; and the sale or free distribution of millions of Bibles and parts of Bibles to the soldiers; even Russian soldiers eagerly sought them. This war will smash sham and hypocrisy. It is the fierce enemy of *commercial supremacy, racial pride and ambition, and religious bigotry*. Yet these were the main causes of the war. Until these causes of the war are consumed by the Divine flames of Justice and Love; until Love which is the fundamental idea and vital dynamic of the Christian life, replaces greed, pride, and bigotry, the universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man is only a myth, a beautiful legend which evaporates as the morning mist before the rising sun.

It is a mirage representing something very beautiful and desirable; but which is not there. "God is Love." Let this fact sink deep into our consciousness. Love is God's best gift to the world. The mightiest force in the Universe for good. Not by the outward sign of the Cross which is often debased and prostituted for purposes of envy, hatred and murder; but by the inner spirit of the Christian life, Conquer! Falsehood will eventually shrivel and die in the white heat of Truth and righteousness. "Heaven and earth may pass away but my word shall not pass away." "The word of the Lord abideth forever." Every organization not founded upon Eternal Truth and Love shall perish. Truth and Love, only, are the final conquerors. This is the fiat of God. It is not the diction of some conceited, arrogant, specimen of humanity.

The Protestant rests his faith and hope upon the unfailing and infallible fiat of the Almighty; and not upon the Fiats of Popes and Councils.

The best things of time or eternity are those which money cannot buy. One act of hypocrisy, injustice, profligacy, or murder, is a foul blot upon the clean, white page that should represent human life. All the money of the world could not remove that foul blot, that indelible stain upon the human soul. Shakespeare portrays Nemesis in his usual masterly manner. Lady Macbeth rising in her sleep, walks in her room in torture; tries to wash away the blood-stains from her hand; the blood of her murdered guest. In an agony of despair she cries; "All the waters of the ocean cannot wash it out." "All the

perfumes of Arabia cannot sweeten this little hand". Conscience is the eye of God; and can never be blotted out. Day or night, summer or winter, on sea or land, it presents to the soul the Eternal "I am". See legend of Cain.

Millions of souls today are in despair over lost innocence. The indelible stain that all the water, spices or money, of the world are powerless to remove. Only the Infinite and Eternal Love of God and Christ can restore peace through forgiveness.

CHAPTER IV

THE PRICE OF MAN'S REDEMPTION

THIS subject is so vast, so profound, so sacred and so sublime, it is with humility and reverence that it can even be approached. Only the outskirts can be explored. The center is a mystery within the folds of the Infinite. The thoughtless, superficial, familiarity of some people with the Divine and Infinite is amazing and blasphemous. "To be like Jesus" is something the finite, human understanding, has never been able to grasp or comprehend. The glorious majesty of the "King of Kings" has scarcely dawned upon the human imagination. The sublime, majestic, countenance of the Prince of Peace, in the fullness of its glory, is only revealed to the spiritualized and glorified vision of the Redeemed. There was a faint glimmer of it on the Mountain of Transfiguration. The second Ark of the Covenant must be approached with reverence and never touched with profane hands. The Holy of Holies is invisible to the common gaze.

That this effort to sketch a brief outline of the Lord of Life and Glory in His humiliation, in His poverty, loneliness, and awful death of the Cross, may not darken or mystify the Majesty of His glory is the prayer of the writer. But on the other hand that it may inspire others to seek a clearer and more profound view of the Love of Gethsemane and

Calvary, of the garden tomb, of the resurrection, and ascension to His Eternal home in glory. Love inspired it all. Infinite Love! "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have Eternal Life"! John 3:16.

Love, the best thing in God's Universe; the greatest dynamic in the moral and spiritual world, inspired it! Redemption was only possible through "Love Divine all love excelling".

Infinite patience, gentleness and Love.

But some say we need no Redemption. We have not fallen. There is a constant upward evolution of Life from the mollusk to the man. But the word of God tells us simply but emphatically that there has been a grievous lapse in human life and experience. To the Christian this is final. But to the objector, to the Philosopher, falsely so called, to the Scientist who, too readily accepts theory for fact, to those men and many others of their kind what satisfactory explanation can there be of the fact that the span of Antediluvian life was little less than one thousand years while today it is a little less than one hundred years? Suppose the Biblical account of the Creation was not true! Are not all the recorded facts in entire harmony with that account? No other hypothesis will account for them. It is absurd to suppose the Almighty to have created the original progenitor of the race with physical deformity. It is impossible that they should have

been created with hereditary taints of sin and disease; for they had no antecedents. The tree and the flower are perfect. Man and woman must have been created physically perfect, in the strength and glory of perfectly robust, healthy organisms. Eve, in the beauty and glow of perfect, physical, functions, was almost a dream of splendid womanhood; queenly and royal beyond the creation of modern thought or imagination.

Only this kind of start would enable the human machine to run nearly one thousand years. The results from ten or more generations amply justify the original account of creation. No other hypothesis will explain the facts of the narrative. The life of Adam is given as nine hundred and thirty years; and that of Noah as nine hundred and fifty years, showing that the last generation before the flood lived about as long as the first. The physical degeneration was slow. But the seeds were sown to bear their legitimate fruit in later generations. Abraham is said to have lived only one hundred and seventy-five years and with him begins a more detailed and reliable history. This was about two thousand years B. C. Archbishop Ussher's Chronology places it about 400 years after the flood. It is highly improbable that the human race physically would have so quickly degenerated, that the ordinary span of human life would be reduced from nine hundred and fifty years to one hundred and seventy-five years in so short a time.

As remarked in a previous chapter the first 11 chapters of Genesis are a very brief synopsis. If the

whole is a brief synopsis why should not every part be of the same character? Why should not the genealogical record give us only the principal links in the chain, instead of all the links? But the objector will say that each succeeding generation is said to be the son of the preceding. Yes, but the term son especially in the Old Testament is frequently applied to a grandson or other more distant relation. Also Christ is called the son of David when there are one thousand years between them. In assuming then that the interval between Noah and Abraham is one of many thousands of years instead of hundreds, according to the genealogical table, there is no violence to the interpretation of Scripture, but a larger and finer harmony. This view would give ample time for the physical degeneration of the race, and the reduction of the individual span of life from nine hundred and fifty years to one hundred and seventy-five years.

In corroboration of the above view, the recent excavations in Babylon and Egypt show beyond a doubt that Hamurabi was King of Babylon about the time of Abraham, and the City then had a regular organization and a written code of laws. This vast increase in population and its thorough organization would have been impossible in the few hundred years mentioned by Archbishop Ussher. Egypt also furnishes a parallel history showing that she was thickly populated and thoroughly organized at least five thousand years to six thousand years B. C. The period was probably much longer. Assyria gives unmistakable evidence of the same kind. One

of the most scholarly and conservative of the faculty of Princeton University, New Jersey, gives it as his opinion "that the human race has been upon this earth from ten thousand to twenty thousand years". No scientist or well equipped scholar can reasonably deny this proposition. The majority will incline toward the larger figure instead of the smaller.

A renowned French orator delivering the funeral oration over the body of Louis XIV said: "There is nothing great but God". Mankind has been continually enlarging its idea of God and God's revelation, the Scriptures. Not very long ago Galileo was imprisoned and threatened with death for announcing the fundamental error of the Egyptian Astronomy and maintaining that it is the Earth that moves around the sun, instead of the sun moving around the Earth. Also still later it was generally accepted that the six days of the Creation, mentioned in the first chapter of Genesis were each of twenty-four hours. No intelligent person believes either today. Even the plain wording concerning the latter makes the interpretation impossible.

The continued abbreviation of human life shows the steady and accumulating degeneration of man's physical nature. The people of Sodom and allied towns were utterly destroyed in the time of Abraham; and the history gives us a vivid word picture of the utter moral depravity of the people. The physical depravity is graphically suggested by the use of the word *sodomy* to express one of the vilest and most debasing practices of the race. Go into

our hospitals and ask the number of inmates, men and women, who are there because of their profligacy; ask any reputable physician what per cent of our people, whom we consider the best on earth, are without hereditary taint, caused by the iniquity of their forbears! Is man a fallen creature? It is written upon the race as plainly as the stars are planted in the sky. The man who can't see it, is the man who won't see it. Consider the innumerable, dastardly assaults by beastly men upon decent women frequently involving not only adultery but murder! Consider the number of women who sell their virtue for a mess of pottage! and remember that for every female prostitute there are ten to twenty male prostitutes; And then affirm, if you have sufficient arrogance and impudence, that man is not a fallen creature! If not fallen it is because he had no condition from which he could fall, and his origin must have been the dirt, materially and morally, instead of a pure, exalted creation fresh from the hands of God. The plan of his Creator was to redeem him from this moral and physical demoralization and depravity. The price paid for this redemption indicates the supreme worth of the human soul and body, placed on them by his Creator. Prisoners of previous ages were often allowed to be ransomed; the amount often reaching into the thousands of pounds or dollars.

But man is not redeemed "with silver or gold or any corruptible *element*, but with the *precious blood of Christ*". Humanity stamped with the image of his Creator is redeemed by the sacrifice of the only

and well beloved Son of his Creator. All the wealth of the earth could not redeem a man. It was not an angel or an archangel that was sacrificed. It was the Son, the only Son, whose place was at the right hand of ineffable glory and majesty; and He voluntarily became a man, a poor man. "The foxes have holes and the fowls of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." The "Son of Man", not the Son of Mary. He belonged to the race. He was subject to the same desires and passions as we are; subjected to poverty, loneliness, envy, hatred, malice; and the Cross. Yet in all these conditions that try men's souls, without weakness, fault or blame. For what, O reader do you suppose he suffered this humiliation, loneliness and death? A death the most shameful and agonizing invented by human or fiendish malice? *For Love!*

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life". John 3:16. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you". He laid down his life not only for his friends, but for His enemies. Even in the extreme agony of the Cross, He prays: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". and promises: "Whosoever cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out". "God so loved the world!"

So we see the dignity of man emphasized and exalted by the price paid for his redemption. The most precious thing in the Universe, "Love", and

not simply human *Love*. It is Divine Love in its supreme manifestation. Love giving Life.—The life of the Son of God for man's Redemption. Love is the mightiest force for good. It appeals to the best in human nature, in angelic nature, in the Divine nature. If this fails, hope is lost.

It can only fail through an inhuman and fiendish disposition. Finally, eternally, Love will prevail and triumph. Truth is eternal. As love is the essence of the Divine Life, so Love must be the essence of the Christian Life. It is the Divine Element in the human life. The human life that is not mainly moved and inspired by Love is not Christian. The word of God is simple and emphatic on this subject. "This is my commandment that ye love one another". John 15:12. "These things I command you that ye love one another". John 15:17. Not only are the followers of Christ to love one another but our Lord commands them: "Love your enemies; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you". Matthew 5:44. "If thine enemy hunger feed him; if he thirst give him drink, etc". "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is Love". 1 John 4:8. "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us". 1 John 4:12. "If a man say I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar and the truth is not in him". 1 John 4:20. This is the spirit and life of Christianity. This law of Love has universal application. There are no exceptions of race or creed. Those who claim an exception contradict the word of God. They are simply lying. Saint Peter is not the head

of any church. Christ is the only Head of His Church. St. Peter was never the foundation of any Church. The original Greek of Matthew 16:18 will not admit of this interpretation. The grammatical construction absolutely forbids it. St. Peter never bequeathed to the Church any sword by which it should defend itself and destroy its enemies. Such teaching is absolutely forbidden by the New Testament, and the spirit and teaching of Christ. It is born of Hell, the child of the Devil, and the sooner it is driven back home, the sooner peace and good will will dwell upon the earth. Man is not only exalted by the inestimable price paid for his Redemption but also by the spirit he is commanded to exercise toward friend and foe alike. It is the purest and most exalted life that is possible to men or angels. How far we are fallen below the standard of life the Creator intended us to occupy!

“Alas! poor man, quoth the pitying Spirit
Dearly ye pray for your primal fall.
Some Flowerets of Eden ye still inherit
But the trail of the serpent is over all.”

The whole plan of Redemption recognizes and emphasizes Freedom of the Will, Liberty of Conscience, and Personal Responsibility for its proper and legitimate use.

CHAPTER V

THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION HARMONIZES WITH THE PLAN OF CREATION

OUR Lord said "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest". "Whosoever cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out". Of the Jews He says: "Ye will *not* come unto Me that ye might have life". Thus Christ Himself admits that He will not interfere with the personal independence of any soul but holds it strictly responsible for its choices and actions. The personal prerogative to do as he pleases, written into the human constitution at the Creation, will be recognized and honored. But while each individual soul does as it chooses, each will have to answer for the uses he makes of his liberty, whether it pleases him or not. The doctrine of Justification by Faith, as defined by St. Paul, and in a manner resurrected by Martin Luther assumes personal Faith in a Personal Redeemer. That Faith is voluntary, and includes personal responsibility to a personal God, directly, not through the Agency of any Church or priestly caste, or any other person or power on earth. This teaching is by an independent thinker and writer although an inspired one; yet agrees perfectly with the principles enumerated, namely: Personal liberty in all matters, and Personal Responsibility to a Personal God for the use thereof.

In Revelation 3:20 there is a beautiful reference

to this Sovereign Independence of the human soul. It is almost reverential. The Lord says: "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and sup with him and he with me." Our Lord Himself is here spoken of as standing *outside* the door of the heart or life and knocking respectfully for admittance. If any man hear his voice and open the door and invite him to enter, He will gladly do so and there will be a beautiful fellowship and communion between the Redeemed Soul and its Savior. He will not lift a latch or raise a hand in any way to force or aid an entrance. He waits patiently for an invitation. Waits "till His locks are wet with the dews of the morning", waits till His patience is exhausted. His long suffering rejected, His love despised, His spirit grieved away by persistence in unbelief or profligacy. It may be that he waits knocking during the years of the strength and beauty of manhood and womanhood; or even to mature life, or sometimes to old age, still knocking, knocking. But His good influence exhausted, His love despised, He leaves.

There is then no more sacrifice for sin; no more hope. Only a "certain fearful looking for of Judgment and fiery indignation." To the hopeless, despairing, wicked, He is a "consuming fire". The soul in its Sovereign independence, the dauntless, matchless, unconquerable soul takes the responsibility of opening the door to the merciful, blessed guest; or leaving Him outside; and takes the consequences; the eternal consequences—the weeping

and wailing and gnashing of teeth for ever. Thus we see that the plan of God in Redemption is in entire harmony with the plan and purpose of God in Creation. "He made man in His own glorious image after His own likeness; male and female created He them." He gave him power over all other life on earth. "He crowned him with glory and honor". And the crowning Glory of manhood is his Sovereign independence; his innate knowledge of right and wrong, his power or liberty to do as he pleases, and the inevitable responsibility. This is what constitutes him a man, and differentiates him from all other animal life. When he abdicates his manhood he is worse than a beast; only a *thing* instead of a *man*.

PART III
THE DIGNITY OF MAN AS SEEN IN HIS
FINAL AND ETERNAL DESTINY



CHAPTER I

ETERNITY—WHERE? AND HOW?

NOTWITHSTANDING the criticisms and objections of some sects falsely called Christians; and of those rejecting the term Christian and styling themselves variously as materialists, agnostics, unbelievers, etc., etc., there is nothing more plainly taught in the Scriptures than the eternal blessedness of the righteous and its converse: the eternal suffering of the wicked. These doctrines are repeatedly referred to and emphasized as well as explicitly stated. Whatever the general meaning of the Greek word Hades or the variety of shades of which it is capable; or the local meaning of Gehenna or Tartarus, still the eternal blessedness of those who have done good and the everlasting misery of the wicked is expressed, *unmistakably*, to the devout believer, in many varied forms. It is also illustrated copiously, forcibly, and in such variety that it can scarcely escape the human intellect or imagination. The common sense, the reason, the logic of the thoughtful cannot avoid it. It compels belief. In Matthew 25:31 *seq.* we have the following from our Saviour's own lips: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory and all the holy Angels with Him; then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory; and before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the

goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say to them on His right hand Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me. Sick and in prison and ye visited me"

And when in their humility they protest that they do not remember having so treated their Divine Master, He says: "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Then shall He say also unto them on His left hand; "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire; prepared for the devil and his angels." "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."

The King does not ask: What did you believe, Confucianism, Mohammedanism, Greek Catholicism, or Roman Catholicism, or Calvinism, or Arminianism? Nor does He ask which Church you worshipped with. It is: What have you done? What acts of kindness, mercy and love have you performed? It is not sufficient to love your brethren in your own Church or in all churches. It will not do to love your own tribe or nation or race. "God is love; and he that loveth not is not of God"; and that love must be as large as the world and include all humanity. It must extend to our enemies. The command is definite and specific. "Love your enemies, do good to them that

hate you; and pray for them that persecute you". The judgment of eternity is based on love, and love is eternal.

Where is heaven? Nobody knows beyond the fact that it is where God is. Where Christ is. Where the holy Angels are; and where the redeemed from every kindred, race, and clime, are gathered together. Dr. Dick thought there must be one tremendous orb at the center of the universe where the Almighty has set up His throne and here is to be the home of the redeemed. We are Agnostics on this subject.

And what constitutes the punishment of the wicked? Where? and what is hell? in the thoughtless, profane language of the street. Hell is where all wicked souls and devils are assembled and imprisoned forever. And what is hell? A material fire? No! emphatically No! It would dishonor God. It would make Him a Devil. The torture of material fire is Satanic. Whether in this world or the next. But St. Paul tells us our "body is sown a natural body. It is raised a spiritual body". Material fire has no power over a spiritual body, or personality. It is against reason. It is against common sense and logic. It is against science, and philosophy. It is contrary to the Spirit and genius of the Christian religion. Our Lord, when speaking of the sufferings of souls who have passed over to the majority, says: "It is a fire *unquenchable* and a worm that *never dies*." This is a different fire and a different worm from any within our knowledge. All material fires are quenchable and material

worms die. Then too we are told of a certain kind of fire which deserves a scientific analysis. "When thine enemy hungers feed him; when he thirsts give him drink; for in so doing thou shall heap coals of fire on his head." This course may light the fires of ingratitude, and possibly of remorse. The old Greeks had a saying that "whoever is guilty of ingratitude is capable of any crime." And the greatest of all human criminality is ingratitude to God and Christ for the infinite love displayed in our Creation and Redemption. The sin that has no forgiveness is the persistent denial of the Divinity of Christ and the perfect work of the Redemption. That work is perfect. It needs no auxiliary. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Christ Jesus". "Whoever shall add to this work;" giving others part of the glory, "God shall add to him the curses written in this book". And whosoever shall detract from the perfect work of Redemption by Jesus Christ, giving part of the praise to any other; "God shall take away his place out of the Book of Life." All worship of saints or angels or asking their intercession rouses the Jealousy of Christ and his awful indignation. The curse of God will rest upon all people who do it, or aid it, or tolerate it. The consciousness of evil, of despising Christ's love, of their final and eternal rejection; and of their final and eternal companionship with Evil, will light consuming fires in the soul which resemble the burning bush that burns but is not consumed.

CHAPTER II

THE TRANSCENDENT BEAUTY OF MAN'S ETERNAL HOME

THE Dignity of man is conspicuously indicated in the Transcendent Beauty of his Eternal Home. The New Jerusalem, the home of God's redeemed people, is described in the exuberant and florid style of the Orient, as having streets of gold, and gates of pearl, and walls whose foundations are of all manner of precious stones. The evident meaning of this symbolism is that the most valuable, beautiful, and precious things of this earth are used to convey to our imagination the beauties and glories of the Eternal Home of God's redeemed children. Just as the most awful and excruciating things and conditions of this life are taken as symbols of the sufferings of the wicked. "The lake of fire and brimstone", "the unquenchable fire", "the worm that never dies". "there shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth". "The bottomless pit". "Gehenna" and "Tartarus". And to intensify the horror and suffering of hell the companionship is that of devils. And "the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and *all liars*, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death". The horrible companionship of hell!

After all that we can say or do or think, St. Paul

says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, the things God has prepared for those who love Him". Also in another place we are told: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glories that shall be revealed". Rev. 21:22, *seq.* "And I saw no temple therein for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the City had no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it and the lamb is the light thereof". "And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it." There shall be thrones there and those "who have died for witnessing for Christ and His Truth shall reign with Him". "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth; neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie". The beauty and glory of heaven are not marred by anything base, profligate, hypocritical, or wicked. The redeemed souls of all ages, of all climes and of all nations shall be gathered there. The blessed and splendid companionship of Adam and Eve, of Enoch and Noah, of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of Moses and David, of Elijah and the other prophets and the Apostles. St. Paul will still be preaching the Righteousness of God and the perfect, glorious redemption of the Christ. Time and space forbid the mention of the glorious army of Christian martyrs, William of Orange—called the Silent, John Huss, and Jerome of Prague, Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer, and millions of others. Martin Luther will still be developing and dilating the infinite mercy of God in

the doctrine of "Justification by Faith". Charles Wesley's inspired songs will be sung by the millions of all nations, "the ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands", "surrounding the throne of God with crowns upon their heads and palms in their hands". The author of the Messiah and kindred spirits will compose loftier music and the "alleluias will be like the voice of many waters or of many thunders". The heavenly arches will ring with the great volume of sound and the applause. John Calvin will be further evolving God's unique plan and purpose in the government of His universe and its people. Milton will have still more glorious visions of "Paradise Regained"; and after the human mind has reached the inspired words of outmost bound on this subject we have to close by repeating the inspired words of St. Paul: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things God has prepared for those who love Him." And, "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed". Many of God's saints have an imperfect vision of that glory in this present life and walk with God as truly as Enoch or Abraham did, except for the visible presence. "The *Glory* that shall be revealed!" *Glory* exhausts our language. It is the ultimate or last word in which we try to sum up human or Divine blessedness.

CHAPTER III

THE DIVINE PLAN IN CREATION, REDEMPTION, AND ETERNAL DESTINY IS ALL HARMONIOUS

THEY are subdivisions of one grand system of the universe and its inhabitants. The Dignity of man in his Creation is still further evolved and emphasized in his Redemption, and in his Final Destiny; and if this final destiny were not glorious beyond all thought or imagination it would not be harmonious with the preceding plan or plans. If the Almighty spent millions of years preparing this universe and this planet for man's temporary abode; what would naturally and logically be expected of the glory of the "mansions" that are prepared for His eternal Home! The future home of God's Redeemed children must be such as His word describes or it would be unworthy of Him and out of harmony with His plan and purpose in Creation and Redemption. The plan is beautiful and the purpose glorious, consistent, and harmonious from Alpha to Omega.

CHAPTER IV

THE HOLINESS OF HEAVEN

THE original meaning of the word Holiness, Greek Hagios, is set apart for Divine worship or divine purposes. Thus the priests of the ancient Mythologies, as also the vestal virgins of Rome, and others, set apart for the worship or service of the temples, were called "holy". In this sense the money of the temples at Jerusalem was termed holy; and because Pilate attempted to use this money for secular purposes a fierce riot occurred among the Jews. This is sometimes called "Mechanical Holiness" and has no reference whatever to *purity* and *nobleness of life* and *character*. It is in this sense the Roman Church uses the term. It has no moral or ethical meaning or reference whatever. In this sense and this only is the use of the word in its variety of application, for instance; holy Father, holy priests, holy vestments, holy vessels, holy clothes, holy bones, etc. In this sense the priestly murderer Schmidt and all other "*Sacred*" adulterers and murderers, and in this sense only are they called "*holy!*" In this sense the fiendish murderer Leopold of Belgium who almost depopulated the Congo region with most barbarous cruelties and murders; by which he became immensely rich, died a *good* catholic, in the bosom of the "*holy*" church. God says of such human monsters that, "all liars and murderers shall have their place in the lake that

burns with fire and brimstone forever". Not purgatory, but *hell* for the Bible knows no intermediate place between heaven and hell. The fiction of Purgatory is as false and arrogant as anything in heathen mythology; but it is more ingenious and profitable. One writer has quaintly said: "Purgatory is the best cow Rome ever milked". It has added millions of money to the Vatican treasury. The poor dupes who pay their last dollar and mortgage their lives and labor to pay a priest to say enough masses to release some beloved friend from the fires of purgatory! Alas poor Dupes! In the first place there is *no purgatory*. Christ purges and purifies from all sin. Not Purgatory. In the second place if there were a purgatory its fires could have no influence or effect upon a soul or spiritualized body. And thirdly if there were a purgatory and its fires real, a priest has no more power to release a soul than the soul itself to open its prison gates. Alas, the poor dupes! Duped and robbed by the "holy harpies"!

But the holiness of Heaven is of a different quality. The quality of mercy. Also the quality of Love. It is no "mechanical righteousness", the legacy of some divinity or the hereditary endowment of some so called Church because of the fiction that some saint founded it. The holiness of Heaven is the individual purity, innocence and righteousness of its individual inhabitants. This is the New Testament idea of holiness and of heaven. Its innocence, as far as the inhabitants of earth are concerned, is the innocence of the Apostles, prophets,

martyrs, the upright of all the ages, all of whose sins though red as crimson have been washed white in the blood of the Lamb of God who suffered for our Redemption. The holiness of heaven excludes all sin and sorrow and remorse, all sighing and pain and death. No vile companionship! In the light of God's countenance and transcendent glory it could not exist. Holiness is the supreme element of Heaven's glory. The future Destiny of man places its final seal of grandeur upon humanity, its dignity, its individual independence, its constitutional prerogative to think and act as it please and to be personally and directly responsible to God for its motives and actions. It declares to the universe that the soul is independent, matchless, dauntless, and unconquerable.

Many of the bitterest wars and bloodiest persecutions have arisen because of man's unquenchable desire to enjoy his liberty of conscience. The inalienable rights written into his constitution in his creation; and laid upon his soul as a personal duty; in his merciful and benign redemption, and for the fearless, independent use of which, he is promised an eternal future, whose bliss and glory "eye hath not seen nor ear heard; nor the heart of man conceived."

When the Church of Rome or any other church or power denies the independent sovereignty of manhood, its royal prerogative to personally think and do as it chooses and become personally and directly responsible therefor (liberty of conscience) then it robs him of his manhood, of his created consti-

tutional rights, the assertion and practice of which the infinite love of God in his Redemption quickens and inspires into more heroic action; And for the conscientious use of which he will be rewarded with everlasting glory. She also robs him of this beautiful, holy, and transcendent glory for eternity. Rome robs man of his manhood. It degrades him to a condition below that of the beasts; for the beast mainly answers the purpose of its creation; while man falls infinitely below it. He is no longer a *man*. He is a *thing*, and a most despicable *thing*, deserving the contempt and indignation of God, angels, and just men. He will receive both without measure. From this moral and spiritual degradation and deviltry, may the good Lord deliver us!

PART IV

**THE BALEFUL INFLUENCE OF THE
PRIESTHOOD ON HUMAN LIFE
AND LIBERTY, BOTH ANCIENT
AND MODERN**

CHAPTER I

BALEFUL INFLUENCE OF THE PRIESTHOOD ON ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS INDIA

FROM the most ancient histories we can trace the influence of the Priesthood. It has always been opposed to intelligent, independent manhood. It has created castes and classes among men, the lower orders of whom it was defilement even to touch, much more to mingle, inter-marry or eat, with them. Brahmanism taught that the lower castes and the no caste, the Pariahs, could never obtain the *summum bonum* in the hereafter. To them it was a life of hopeless slavery and poverty here; and suffering or nonentity hereafter. It is remarkable how ingenious the priests were in inventing horrid punishments for the present life and the future life. This may be easily and inevitably read in the ugly, hateful and fear-inspiring, forms of nearly all pagan deities. By this vindictive unending torture of soul and body the priests absolutely controlled the lives and actions of their dupes. The god Siva of India is a fearful example of what the incensed divinities can inflict of torture and death. One historian says,—“The religion of the ancient Aryan Indians passed through three phases although the differences are more logical than inherent. Those three are, Vedism, Brahmanism, and Hinduism. It will be found generally true that in Brahmanism

there is as compared with Vedism, an increase of the Ritual and a corresponding decrease of the moral element."

A curious corroboration of the above is found in a recent speech by Sir John Maxwell, director general of archaeology in India, published in the "Christian Science Monitor" of Boston in June, 1916, which, in part, is as follows: "Hyderabad is the largest and most important 'native' state in India. Not only is it the most important state in the East Indian empire, but according to an address recently delivered at Hyderabad by Sir John Marshall, director general of archaeology, it is one of the most interesting, from an archaeological point of view. In the address mentioned Sir John Marshall surveyed the various antiquities of the state in a comprehensive manner, and dwelt with special emphasis upon the giant caves of Ellora, which are admittedly one of the most wonderful sights in India.

"In the temples and monasteries of Ellora", he said, "(to which the great religious sects, the Buddhists, the Hindus, and the Jain, have each contributed in an almost equal degree) you can follow with unerring steps the underlying character of each religion, and trace from gallery to gallery the influence which one exerted upon another. There is no other spot that I know of in India where such a study of the three religions can be made. In the earliest caves you start during the spacious age of the Guptas, that great renaissance period of India when the keystone of art, as of thought, was its

broad intellectuality; and in these early caves you see Buddhist art, almost at its zenith; you mark its graceful lines, its rich but restrained decoration, its transparent sincerity, and above all its peace and tranquillity. You pass on to other caves. You see this same art slowly but surely declining under the deadening pall of convention; its creative force is stifled; it is becoming stiff, sterile and atrophied. You go further along the face of the cliff and enter another hall—around you are lifelike figures starting from the rock—some solemn and majestic, others hideous and revolting, but all of them emotional, dramatic, and awe-inspiring. You have passed from the realm of Buddhism into that of Hinduism, and you realize—with a start, as it were—the vast gulf that separated the two. You can see forms copied from the Buddhist; but their eternal peacefulness is gone. Ethos—if I may use a Greek expression—has given away to pathos. They have been galvanized into life and action, and have become the incarnation of all the dread forces of nature. And so you go from one to another of these halls, surrounded by somber and relentless forms, peering from their dark recesses; you surrender yourself involuntarily to the prevailing gloom; but you do not, you cannot, forget the lofty beauty of the earlier caves; and you wonder within yourself what came over the character of the people when they forsook Buddhism for the dread cult of Siva."

In closing his address the director general said,—
"I want to say just a word or two about the value of these ancient monuments which His majesty's

(the Nizam's) government is taking such pains to preserve for posterity. What is it that in the eyes of every thinking man gives such value to the task which this state has undertaken? The word 'archaeology' has, I am afraid, a very dry and a very pedantic ring about it, and it is apt to be regarded as of merely academic interest. But the value of these memorials of the past is anything but academic. They are a great national asset; which the durbar and the people have every reason to guard and cherish with the most jealous care. From an educational point of view their beauty alone would justify me in saying this—the beauty of their line and of their color, of their delicate grace, of their massive strength; the beauty of stately walls and battlements, of pillared halls and soaring minarets; the beauty of graven or painted forms; the softened beauty, too, which the tomb of time alone can give. Beauty of this kind has but to be contemplated to ennoble and to elevate the heart. But the value of these monuments resides in something far more potent and far more vital even than beauty. It is that they are links in the chain that binds the present with the past. They tell of the history of bygone generations with all its triumphs and its failures; they tell of the religious beliefs, with their aspirations and their fears; they tell of the efforts of Indian genius; they are the embodiment of the very character of the people; and they enshrine their best traditions and ideals. And just as these monuments evoke reverence and pride in the past, so they give hope for the future; and help to mould and to

strengthen the national character."

Here we see the increasing power, viciousness, and tyranny of the Priesthood and the corresponding degradation, ignorance, servility and slavery of the masses. The Priesthood both ancient and modern has consistently and persistently encouraged, and pandered to, the pride, power, and tyranny of the aristocracy. Consequently it has been a bitter foe of Democracy because only ignorance and superstition and degradation would obey and support so vile, avaricious and tyrannical a priesthood.

Mr. Stafford in his illustrated lectures says of Hinduism:

"Some of its sacred books written 3500 years ago are noble aspirations. Moreover that *early faith* was far from that idolatry and caste which are its curse today."——

"Hindu priests are always trading on the fears and ignorance of their deluded victims."

"Nowhere else on earth does there prevail such social tyranny as has existed here for 3000 years, under the name of caste."

All this corroborates the theory of the Fall of Man and unfortunately of his continued and accelerated motion downward, instead of an upward evolution.

CHAPTER II

CHINA

CONFUCIUS lived in 500 B. C. He is the most eminent and venerated of the Chinese philosophers and teachers. He has left a large number of maxims on record; or perhaps has recorded very many of them.

Many of these maxims are worthy of an exalted place in the training and culture of our race because of their unselfishness, their justice and purity. A few, as samples, are given below. Their exalted morality almost compares with the Christian code, the purest and best on earth.

"Men should not murmur against heaven for all that heaven does is good."

"The man who governs himself, restraining his passions seldom goes wrong."

"The good man desires to be slow of speech; but active in conduct."

"In my first dealings with men I listened to their words and gave them credit for good conduct. Experience has taught me to listen to their words but to watch their conduct."

"The good man considers what is right; the bad man what will pay."

"The superior man is broad-minded and no partisan. The mean man is biased and narrow."

"I do not know how a man can get on without Truth."

Being asked, "Who is the virtuous man?" he replied, "One that has neither anxiety nor fear, for he finds no evil in his heart."

"Not to do to others what thou wouldst not have them do to thee; to encourage no wrong in the state nor in the home." This is the negative form of the Christian Golden Rule.

"Ras and Shem ruled with love, and the people became loving. Kieh and Kan ruled with violence and the people became violent. The sovereign must have and exhibit the same qualities which he wishes his people to cultivate."

About 150 years after Confucius Meng Tu (Latinized Mencius) flourished. He was a diligent student of Confucius and a venerated teacher. The historian tells us:

"In the interval between Confucius and Mencius the political and moral state of China had altered greatly for the worse. The smaller feudal states had been swallowed up by the larger ones; the princes were constantly at war with one another; and there was but little loyalty to the Imperial throne. Moreover the moral standard of things had lowered very much."

Of late China seems to be having a new birth out of her ignorance, moral turpitude, and general indifference, into a desire for knowledge and power and a purer life. She may yet become one of the great nations of the earth. Here also we find de-gradation or de-volution as in India.

CHAPTER III

EGYPT AND BABYLONIA

GASTON MASPERO, the distinguished Egyptologist, tells us the very earliest glimpses of Egyptian history show innumerable divinities and a corresponding priesthood already installed. Concerning the earliest history he says:

"Fantastic legends concocted by the priests go on to relate how at length Egypt was civilized by Osiris and Isis. Elaborate, intricate, and hopelessly confused are the fables relating to the Osirian embalment and the opening of Osiris to the followers of Horus, the son of Isis." He also says:

"The incredible number of religious scenes to be found represented on the ancient monuments of Egypt is at first glance striking. Nearly every illustration in the works of Egyptologists shows us the figure of some deity. One would think the country had been inhabited for the most part by gods, with just men and animals enough to satisfy the requirements of their worship."

There developed here as always under a priesthood the rich and powerful aristocratic class, and the poor, half-starved, masses of the people. Slavery too was almost universal and thousands of these slaves perished in the building of the pyramids. The military power was developed and wars frequent. The flower of the youth of many countries was destroyed in battle, Egypt like the other coun-

tries exhausting her men and materials in this way. She commenced sinking very low in the scale of nations about 1500 B. C. and continued descending for centuries and now for nearly 2500 years she has been a prey to different foreign nations until she has finally lost her distinct nationality. What other issue could have been expected?

Babylonia too, emerging from the mists and uncertainties of antiquity had countless divinities and a numerous and powerful priesthood. We again quote Dr. Maspero:

"The gods of the Euphrates like those of the Nile constituted a countless multitude of visible and invisible beings. While the gods of Egypt were generally kindly and friendly, those of Babylonia were for the most part cruel and implacable. While the ordinary priest chose for himself a single deity the priest king exercised universal, sacerdotal functions. On great festival days or for sacerdotal functions they laid aside all insignia of royalty and were clad as ordinary priests. At first the priests seemed to have precedence. Later as the cities became more powerful the king claimed and asserted that precedence."

"The women in Babylonia were not treated with even the respect paid them in Egypt; and conquered peoples were often slaughtered or reduced to pitiless slavery." It is sufficient commentary on ancient Babylonia that all that can be found of her today has to be dug out of mounds forgotten for thousands of years. "*Semper eadem*". The results of priestly

superstition and tyranny are always the same whether ancient or modern, i. e. ignorance, superstition, poverty and slavery.

CHAPTER IV

BALEFUL INFLUENCE OF THE PRIESTHOOD ON MODERN CIVILIZATION

IN the previous chapter was indicated the decline and fall of ancient and powerful nations largely because of the baleful, degrading and tyrannical influence of a priestly caste.

In this chapter we shall discuss the influence of the priestly caste on modern nations in paralyzing the intellect; in destroying initiative and independence; and in operating as the principal cause of ignorance, poverty, and crime. To the unprejudiced thinker and reader these facts are as plain as daylight, unquestioned, decisive, and final. To the prejudiced and bigoted, an appeal to intelligence, facts and reason, is as futile as a verbal appeal to man totally deaf. The man who can believe that a few latin words said over a wafer changes it into the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that the identical atoms of this matter can be in 10,000 or 10,000,000 different places at once; can believe any absurdity concerning his religion; which he could not believe or entertain for a moment concerning any other subject or object on earth. In fact he would vigorously resent any accusation of such credulity. It is useless to try to reason with such people. Its immediate result would be similar to the accusation of the Athenians concerning Socrates,—“Impiety”. The

same old story of every priestly caste against all who reject their mythologies, whether of Jupiter, Zeus or Osiris; whether of Diana of the Ephesians, or Isis of the Egyptians, or the Queen of Heaven of Jeremiah's time or the present time! Arrest him! torture him! imprison him! burn him! This has always been the spirit and practice of priestly bigotry and despotism. Under the pseudo-Christian priesthood it has been more cruel, vindictive and Satanic, than under any of the ancient pagan priesthoods. Let us repeat, "God is Love." "He that loveth not knoweth not God." Hate is Satanic. This is the ultimate test of all religions. O for the spear of Ithuriel, to pierce all masks of hypocrisy! To eventually destroy all efforts to do the Devil's work in the name of Christ! The love of God will finally triumph over all Commercial Greed, all Racial Pride, all Religious Bigotry. The Fatherhood of God and Universal Brotherhood of Man will emerge from the clash and thunder, and ruin of nations and their idolatries. The Original and Creative Rights and Responsibilities of Manhood will be recognized, and "he will be the true worshipper who worships God in Spirit and in Truth" regardless of race, condition, clime, color or creed.

Rome has been the most bitter and bloody persecutor of what she deemed heresy, of all that ever existed upon the earth. As late as 1895 eight persons, men, women, and children, were burned to death publicly in southern Mexico for heresy. It seems to us horrible and impossible in this enlighten-

ed age. (The N. Y. Times is authority for the statement). For a bird's eye view of the Baleful influence of the Roman priesthood, note the following contrast:

Spain Compared With Britain

As a general proposition, we will briefly review the History of Spain the most Catholic country of Europe in which the Romish Priesthood ruled almost absolutely for 1000 years, and compare it with the History of England. Surely Rome had here a fair opportunity to display her civilizing uplifting power. The hated heretic had no power to interfere with her benign influence. After the Saracens were driven out there was no foreign aggression or occupation by any hostile race for any lengthened, consecutive periods. Napoleon Bonaparte interrupted her absolute control for a brief period. She had a free hand and full control of the field with temporary interruptions. In many respects Spain has an excellent climate and a fertile soil, watered by numerous rivers. She had thousands of miles of sea coast and a large number of spacious and safe harbors. It might be presumed that God had designed her people for great achievements in elevating and purifying the human race. In the reign of Philip II she claimed Mexico, the southern part of the United States, all of Central America, and all of South America, as her possessions. She owned several of the West Indian Islands and had possessions also in the far East. The Netherlands were an impor-

tant part of her European kingdom, confided to Philip's paternal care by his father Charles V of Germany. He waged a useless, cruel and bloody war for about 40 years to stamp out heresy in these Netherlands and failed. He declared that "He would rather rule over a desert than a nation of heretics". He made almost a desert of many of her wealthiest provinces. According to Mr. Motley's history, 50,000 men, women, and children perished by the Inquisition. Thousands of her best mechanics and manufacturers exiled themselves to England. "By order of the Blood Council under the direction of the Inquisition in less than three months 1800 of the highest, the noblest, and most virtuous of the country suffered death". Further this history says:—"The whole country became a charnel house; columns and stakes in every street, the door posts of private houses, the fences in the fields, were laden with human carcasses, strangled, burned and beheaded." In this way his bigoted, insatiable greed for money and blood devastated some of his fairest and most loyal provinces and lost them forever.

His new colonies in Mexico and South America sent him constant streams of gold and other treasures; and yet he borrowed millions of money to carry on his wars with France, and the Netherlands and England; and in his old age he repudiated all his debts and caused a financial panic throughout Europe.

Mr. Froude draws another likeness of him that might grace some imp of Satan. He married Queen

Mary of England, generally known in history as "Bloody Mary". Mr. Froude says:—

"The unhappy queen unloved, unlovable, yet with her parched heart thirsting for affection, was flinging herself upon a breast compared with which an iceberg was warm; upon a man to whom love was an unmeaning word except as the most brutal of all passions." "On Mary sorrow was heaped on sorrow. Her expectation of a child was disappointed, and Philip refused to stay in England. His unhappy wife was forced to know that he preferred the society of the most abandoned women to hers." Such is the character of his most Catholic Majesty Philip II of Spain. If he stays in Purgatory until his soul is purged, it will be many milleniums before the masses of Christendom will open its gates.

And what has become of the vast empire of this Catholic King, who had the especial approval and friendship of all the popes of his reign? What has become of Florida? Where is Mexico? Where is Central America? Where Peru and its gold? Where all the other vast areas of South America? Gone! gone as completely as the morning mist before the rising sun, that is, as far as Spain is concerned. Where are her great armadas, and splendid commerce? Mainly at the botton of the oceans! Where her magnificent armies and splendid fighting men, the finest cavaliers of the world in their age? There is scarcely the ghost of all this greatness left. Measured by the International Standard of greatness she is great in nothing. She is not even a Third rate, Fourth rate, or Fifth rate power. How are

the mighty fallen! The baneful influence of the priesthood! The curse of the Almighty upon every people that endures Rome's blighting, paralyzing, impoverishing influence!

In the last 1000 years Rome is the most blighting, withering, curse the Almighty could send any people. Better absolute extinction than to endure for generations such miseries because "ROMANISM IS A CRIME AGAINST MANHOOD AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD."

Contrast if you please the story of England's development and power during the same period.

At the time Philip sent his "Invincible Armada" to conquer England with the aid of 16,000 soldiers under the Duke of Parma, then in the Netherlands, which the Armada was to land on the British coast, England had just five millions of people. She could be fitted into a small corner of Spain and compared with Spain's mighty empire England was a negligible quantity. The mighty Armada with 16,000 troops was considered a sufficient force to conquer England. Of course they expected the aid of Scotland at that time hereditary foe of England. There was also a rebellion in Ireland. The Irish rebellion materialized, aided by Spanish gold and soldiers, for which both Spain and Ireland paid a fearful price. The weak and grasping King of Scotland however refused to aid the Spanish enterprise.

The Spanish troops in the Netherlands were so hampered by the superior Dutch fleet they could not put to sea but Parma had built a large number of boats and had placed this 16,000 men on board

and kept them there for two days waiting for the Armada to come and take them on board. But when they did come they were badly defeated, many of their greatest galleons were sunk with all on board and the rest driven far into the North Sea where the storms caught them and shattered them so that but a small remnant of the Invincible Armada, after sailing around Scotland and Ireland, returned to tell of their disastrous defeat and eternal dishonor.

Before this time John Wickliffe and others had been sowing seeds of the Reformation in England, Bohemia, and Germany, and other nations of Europe. Liberty of conscience with responsibility; although Rome sacrificed millions of Protestant lives in the vain endeavor to exterminate heresy and heretics. It is magnificent to see those heroes defying torture and death in their most awful forms; defying all the powers of earth and hell to compel them to violate their conscience, their inalienable rights, stamped indelibly upon the human constitution in its creation. This leaven was at work in the hearts of the English people and it continued working in the face of the bitterest opposition of interdicts, excommunications, powerful alliances, and private assassinations until 80 to 90 per cent of the English and Scotch became Protestant. The spirit of Protestant Christianity which is the spirit of independent, individual manhood, is the secret of England's greatness.

England, Ireland and Scotland are now one Empire with a population of forty-five millions, Canada with her seven millions and India with her

three hundred millions. Also Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are integral parts of the British Empire and all proving their loyalty by furnishing ships, men, and money in the present emergency. She has been acknowledged mistress of the seas for more than one hundred years and her present navy is the most powerful in the world. Our own country too is British in language, law and sympathy. When an African prince visited Queen Victoria and asked her the secret of England's greatness, she replied by laying her hand upon a copy of the Bible and exclaiming, "this is the Secret of England's greatness". It is the Magna Charta of Humanity.

CHAPTER V

THE ROMAN CHURCH—APOSTATE

Her Doctrine Unscriptural and Blasphemous. Her Practices immoral and idolatrous. She even condemns the Fundamental Principles, Inalienable Rights, and Royal Prerogatives, of Manhood.

Infallibility

THIS doctrine is clearly opposed to the teachings of the Bible as well as to the common sense and experience of mankind. At one time there were three popes condemning and excommunicating each other. Which was infallible? Only a Romanist has the rhetorical ability to solve that puzzle. To any other mind it is a fiction, an absurdity.

Several popes condemned what other popes approved. By what mental gymnastics can both be considered infallible? About the only Infallible quality of human experience is its *Fallibility*. Romanist intelligence is a rare specimen. It is marvellous with what facility it can accept fiction and absurdity as fact. Its logic is most illogical. Its principal syllogism is: Protestants, when speaking of Romanism, are all liars. John Huss, Calvin, Luther, Doctor McKim and the Aurora Menace are Protestant. Therefore they are all liars. "Tis a lie", puts an end to all discussion. How the Council of Trent should have adopted the doctrine of

Papal Infallibility notwithstanding the flood of light and inexorable logic of Bishop Strossmayer and many others eminent in their church, can only be accounted for by the above peculiar logic to be found in the Roman hierarchy and no other place on earth, in such a pure, unadulterated, form.

The doctrine briefly stated is: "All utterances of the pope, *ex cathedra*, that is concerning faith and morals, are infallibly true." The results of this doctrine are of a very serious nature to all non catholics. If the Roman Church is infallibly right then all those who reject and disobey her authority are infallibly wrong. Being evidently and infallibly wrong they are not only the enemies of the Church but the enemies of God and Truth; and, as such, it is a duty and a meritorious act to suppress, ostracize, and extirpate them. This Rome has consistently done for the last 1000 years, whenever she had the power. Hence the maxim, "*Semper Eadem*". Hence also Rome has no apologies for St. Bartholomew's midnight slaughter nor for the numerous wars of persecution instigated by her orders; nor for the almost innumerable slaughters of whole tribes and peoples; nor for the thugs and assassins who have accomplished her designs and obeyed blindly her orders with a free passport to heaven and full forgiveness even before the bloody deeds were committed. A few instances may help refresh some memories, i. e. William the Silent of the Netherlands, Abraham Lincoln, President Garfield, President McKinley and, recently, William Black of Texas,—all assassinated by Romanists.

Also many of the popes were monsters of iniquity. This is not a Protestant lie; it is the concurrent testimony of nearly all prominent Roman Catholic writers of the last thousand years. A few of many are Strossmayer, Baronius and Erasmus. Erasmus' "Praise of Folly" is a fearful indictment of the ignorance, immorality, bestiality, and tyranny of the Roman priesthood and higher clergy. Who was Erasmus? The first scholar of Europe in his day, a Dutchman of the 16th Century. The confidential friend of three popes, esteemed and honored by Charles the V of Germany and many other potentates, who lived and died in the bosom of the Church. The doctrine of Infallibility is monstrous and blasphemous, usurping a Prerogative of the Almighty; and its results have been Satanic in its hate and murder. It places an impassable gulf between Romanism and all the rest of the world. Let us repeat: Mr. Lecky, a noted English writer, says: "That the Roman Catholic Church had shed more innocent blood than any other organization that has ever existed upon the earth cannot be questioned by any one having a competent knowledge of history". In their stupendous folly Romanist writers tell us that the pope not only represents Jesus Christ on earth but that he is in a sense Jesus Christ, a god and the only god upon the earth—Surely the Apostle was divinely inspired when he spoke of some apostates from the Christian Faith as: "That man of sin to be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that

he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God". 2. Thess. 2, 2-4. These Apostates are described elsewhere as "forbidding to marry" which God has "declared honorable in all"; and "commanding to abstain from meats, etc." These are reforms against nature. Such are always harmful. Severe restraints of the natural, rightful and honorable desires of our nature only produce bigotry in a few and extreme excesses in the many.

The Celibacy of the Priests

This doctrine is not only unscriptural but is a crime against nature. It is the prolific mother of innumerable crimes. A man may not marry but he may keep a concubine or a number of them. It would be a mortal sin to have a wife, and children born in honorable wedlock according to the laws of his country; and would subject him to excommunication and eternal damnation. But it is no sin, or one which is easily absolved, to keep a prostitute or several of them; and furnish the world a horde of bastards. Such teaching is not only immoral; it is damnable. Why were so many convents for women built so close to monasteries for Celibate monks? very often with secret subterranean passages connecting? Secret passages, secret entrances, and duplicate keys, furnished the priests easy ingress and egress, *but no others*. Father Chiniquy tells of such things. So does Maria Monk. So did the Spanish authorities or French authorities when they threw open the monasteries in Spain for a

while; and in France probably for ever. Montreal too furnished an example. Roman logic vanquishes and dissipates all such knowledge, with the customary fiat, Lies! Lies! All Lies! Be Patient with me while I uncover a little ancient history and let a few rays of light into those dark ages. Yes more dense and dreadful than the Historic darkness of Ancient Egypt. Tertullian says: "reputation of priests for chastity covered secret sins", "effects of which were concealed by resort to *infanticide*." Cyprian the distinguished Bishop of Carthage bore similar testimony. Doctor Lea says: Vol. 1, page 424: "That in the middle ages indiscriminate license of the worst kind prevailed throughout every rank of the hierarchy." "Scarcely had the efforts of Pope Nicholas to put an end to sacerdotal marriage in Rome when the morals of the Roman clergy became a disgrace to Christendom."

Other writers say: "In 1130 Cardinal Pier-Leone was elected pope, although he had children by his sister Tropia, and carried a concubine with him when traveling. Pope Innocent the VII had sixteen illegitimate children, and Pope Alexander the VI nearly as many; and although Pope Benedict the IX was only 10 years old when made Pontiff by his dissolute mother, he lost little time before sinking into the most swinish debauchery."

Canon Burchard, the private Chamberlain to Pope Alexander VI wrote: "The women (of the convents) were persecuted and imprisoned if they had any relation with laymen; but when they yielded themselves to the monks, masses were sung and

feasts given. The nuns thus coupled gave birth to gentle and pretty little monks, or else they caused abortions to be performed. If any one were tempted to uphold that this is not true, he need only *search the private vaults of the Convents* and he will find there as many children's bones as were in Bethlehem in the time of Herod."

The poet Tetrarch in describing the morals of the Pope and priests used language that the laws of our country would forbid printing. The poet's feelings were intensified by the brutal assault which the pope made upon his young and beautiful sister. But the threat of the Holy Inquisition silenced the indignant, outraged poet.

Pope Gregory VII, in a letter to an abbot in the year 1408, wrote: "Many of the nuns commit fornication with the monks and lay brothers and in the same monasteries bring forth sons and daughters; and not a few of the nuns destroy the faetus, and kill the children who see the light".

The Council of Mayence under Pope Stephen V absolutely prohibited priests to allow "Any description of women to live in the house with them", and declared, "many crimes have been committed so that priests have had children by their own sisters". Nicholas de Clamenges, a famous scholar and at one time rector of the University of Paris, published a book on the subject of the corruption in his church about 1400 A. D. He attributed this evil condition to the vicious lives of the priests, and to the fact that when they committed murder, rape or any other enormous crime they can *pay themselves out*

of prison with money. Alluding to other causes of depravity this catholic scholar says:

"Touching the monks and monasteries, there is abundance of matter to speak of—were it not that it would oppress me to dwell long on the enumeration of so great and so many *abominations*."

Speaking of the nuns Clamenges says: "Modesty forbids me to say much concerning them which might be said." Then he compares the convents to "brothels" and the nuns "to harlots lewd and incestuous".

Bishop Ricci who aided Duke Leopold of Tuscany to investigate the nunneries in his dominion writing to Cardinal Corsini, says:

"In writing to the pope I would not enter into *infamous details which* would horrify you". "That which I have learned makes me shudder."

Erasmus the first scholar of Europe in his time. The favorite of three popes and of many other distinguished personages made the church wince and totter under the keenness of his bitter satire. He endeavored to reform the church from within like many of his sincere brethren, a Herculean task and more; for he failed in his endeavors. His writings against Luther and Calvin pleased the Pope and the hierarchy while the monks and lower clergy would gladly have consigned him to the fate of John Huss and Jerome of Prague. His word paintings of the infamous condition of the church in his time vividly portray a moral rottenness equal to anything in Sodom or Babylon.

In his letter to the Prothonotary of Leo X he

enters into frightful details which, however were not likely to shock a Pontiff who was a chronic sufferer from Syphilis. He says: "There are monasteries where there is no discipline and which are worse than brothels."

"Young men are fooled and cheated into joining the monastic orders. Once in the toils they are broken and trained into Pharisees. They may repent but the superiors will not let them go, *lest they should betray the orgies they have witnessed.*" "They crush them down with scourge and penance, the secular arm, chanceries and dungeons." Cardinal Mateo said at a public dinner "that the Dominicans had buried a young man alive whose father demanded his release." A polish noble who had fallen asleep in a church saw two Franciscans buried alive. Erasmus says: "A monk may be drunk every day, he may go with loose women secretly or openly. He may waste the Church's money on vicious pleasures; he may be a quack or a charlatan and all the while be an excellent brother and fit to be made an abbot; while one who for the best reasons, lays aside his frock is howled at as an apostate. Surely the true Apostate is he who goes into sensuality, pomp, vanity and the lusts of the flesh. *Monks of abandoned lives swarm over Christendom.*"

And all this and very much more of the same import from the very highest and most reliable Catholic Authorities. These are not *Protestant lies*. They are the naked, shameful, truths spoken by Popes, Cardinals, Bishops and most distinguished

members of the *Holy?* Roman Church.

These testimonies might be increased almost *ad infinitum*, certainly *ad nauseam*. Rome rejoices in the maxim "*Semper eadem*". In many respects we fear it is true and fitting.

Transubstantiation

This doctrine teaches that the priest by saying: "*hic corpus est meum*" over a wafer it becomes the veritable body, blood, bones, and divinity of our Lord. They declare that it takes as much power to do this as to remove a mountain. "That in a sense the priest is the creator of his Creator". See St. Alphonsus Liguori. Another writer says the priest can command our Lord to come down from heaven into the wafer and he dare not disobey. The Bible tells us Acts 1:3, 4, that our senses are infallible. But our senses tell us that the wafer undergoes no change. It is still a wafer and nothing more. It tastes, smells, and looks like a wafer. Which shall we believe the evidence of our senses or the evidence of the clerical fiat—the Bible or the Romanist priest?—If a chemist analyzed it before and after its consecration the constituent elements are identical. Surely the priest magnifies his office. While we may admire his ambition we cannot commend his modesty or his sincerity. How great is the Roman Priest! Great is Diana of the Ephesians! How Mighty; How Holy; How Godlike! Create their Lord and proceed to eat him. What logic! What sense! Rather what bigotry! What

absurdity! What falsehood! What cannibalism! What blasphemy! In the nature of things the same identical particle of matter cannot be in two places at the same time. The Romish priest says it can be in 10,000 different places at the same time. Something in the nature of things that God cannot do. Want of space forbids me discussing in detail many of the Roman Apostate doctrines, yet for denying this senseless, unphilosophic and unchristian doctrine or fiction, thousands of the purest and noblest of God's children have suffered untold agonies and horrible forms of death. They defied the rack and the stake and other Satanic instruments of torture and death; and sealed their witness to the *Truth* with their blood.

But allow me to call your attention to a few concrete demonstrations. For what did Savonarola die at the stake? For exposing the corruptions of the Church and showing that some of its teachings were false. For what was John Huss condemned by the Council of Constance and burned at the stake notwithstanding the safe conduct of the Emperor Sigismund? For attacking the vicious lives of the priests and refusing to believe many of the false doctrines of the Church i. e. Transubstantiation, etc. For what did Jerome of Prague travel the same fiery road to heaven? For daring to condemn the belief and practices of the Church. In the Netherlands a whole nation, in the time of William, the Silent, was anathematized and consigned to temporal and eternal death and in the course of a religious war of extermination of over forty years,

millions of men, women, and children perished.

For what were the Waldenses, Albigenses, and Huguenots, butchered? The cruel Category is too long for repetition. It makes the heart sick to look at, or think of, the Satanic tortures of tender women and little, innocent children. And then remember the devilish Maxim of Rome, "*Semper eadem*". And the teaching of Rome today is "The state has no right to refuse force to the church to repress and extirpate heresy"; and the bloody admission that "when they have not the power for this forcible repression they must endure these heretics until the power returns to them". You sleepy, indifferent, devil-may-care Protestants, worshipers of the Golden Calf and agnostics reflect on this teaching! What does it mean! These are still the teaching and laws of the Church, "*Semper eadem*."

CHAPTER VI

ROME CONDEMNS THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES, THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS AND ROYAL PREROGATIVES OF MANHOOD, CONFERRED IN CREATION

NOT only is the Roman Apostate Church, teachings unscriptural and false doctrines which are a compound of ancient Paganism and Modern Superstition; not only has the moral condition of the church at times been as corrupt and infamous as that of Sodom and Babylon; but she denies and condemns the Fundamental Principles, the Inalienable Rights and Prerogatives of Manhood, conferred in Creation. As evolved in a previous chapter they are briefly as follows:

First: The power and liberty to do right or wrong as each individual chooses.

Second: Individual Responsibility directly and supremely to God for his choices and actions.

Third: The just expectation of Rewards or Punishments according to his deeds.

Fourth: There is no Divine Right of King or Priest to do wrong. God is no respecter of persons. Each must answer directly to God, not for his creed or church, but for his deeds. All stand on the same platform before the High Court of Heaven which "will render to every man according to his *deeds*."
—Bible.

Fifth: Even families and nations often suffer

for the sins of their Kings and Priests.

Sixth: No man or collection of men, lay or clerical, can assume another's responsibility; or absolve him from personal guilt.

Seventh: His Right to demand a final and Eternal Judgment.

The Popes, later councils, and prominent ecclesiastics; also accepted authorities on philosophy, theology, and morals;—all consistently teach that a man has no right to choose his religion. It is a mortal sin deserving excommunication and eternal damnation to think or teach anything contrary to the teaching of the church. "The Reformation was the crime of the age." The authors of it the "emissaries of Satan". See also our present Pope Benedict XV on present day Evangelical teachers and preachers. But why quote authorities? If you will read the history and practices of the church you cannot miss them. There are thousands of them. You will find the old motto true: "*Semper eadem*". On this subject we will cite a few authors of the very highest, even Infallible, Authority. Leo XIII in an encyclical dated January 10, 1890, entitled "On the chief duties of Christians as citizens", says: "If the laws of the state are manifestly at variance with Divine (Roman) law, containing enactments hurtful to the church (Roman), or conveying injunctions adverse to the duties imposed by religion (Roman), or if they violate in the person of the Supreme Pontiff *the authority of Jesus Christ*, then truly, *To Resist becomes a Positive Duty. To Obey a Crime*. The Supreme teacher of the Roman

Church is the Pontiff. Union of minds therefore, requires, together with *perfect accord in one faith*, complete submission to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff as to God Himself—

Pius the IX in his Syllabus of Errors says: "To deny the right of the Church (Roman) to require the state to suppress free speech is a damnable error. The state has not the right to leave every man free to embrace whatever religion he shall deem true."

The same Syllabus of Errors in another place says: "The State has *not* the right to interfere in matters pertaining to religion, morals, or to spiritual government (Romish). The church (Roman) alone has the right to exercise exclusive control in these matters. The State has not the right to deny to the Church (Roman) the right to *require that the Catholic Church shall be the only religion of the State to the exclusion of all others.*"

Priest Phelan, lately deceased, who was the editor of the Western Watchman, said in a sermon in St. Louis in June, 1912, and afterward printed in his paper the following, only a part of what he there said—"If the government of the United States were at war with the Church we would say tomorrow, '*To Hell with the government of the United States!*' And if the Church and all the governments of the world were at war we would say: '*To Hell with all the governments of the World!*' They say we are Catholics first and Americans decidedly afterward. We are Catholics first, and we love the church more than all the governments of the world. Let the governments of the world

steer clear of the Catholic Church. Let Emperors, let Kings and *Presidents* not come into conflict with the Head of the Catholic Church; because the Catholic Church is *everything* to all Catholics. *They renounce all nationalities where there is a question of loyalty to her.*"

Priest Phelan was noted for his frank outspoken utterances and was occasionally taken to task for the same. But we never heard of any check or rebuke for the above very significant statements. Notice his threat to Presidents. May God protect our President from the Roman Assassin!

The *Ex Cathedra* utterances of Pius IX and Leo XIII are still the law of the Church. "Rome never changes". If she acknowledged changes this would cancel her Infallibility. Therefore the maxim, "*Semper Eadem*", always the same.

In view of these laws of the Church and an indefinite number of others of the same import including the Canons of the Council of Trent, Rome's peace orators must be gifted with a generous supply of brazen hypocrisy and arrogant impudence in tendering the Olive branch to Protestants. If they will repeal the laws of their Church, poisoned with hatred, malice, and murder, we will meet their offers of peace more than half-way. But with the above laws still the acknowledged principles and rules of their Church we can only understand the tender of the Olive branch in the language of Mr. Motley: "dissimulation, procrastination, dissimulation." These three words spell Jesuitism.

CHAPTER VII

THE COWARDICE AND INDIFFERENCE OF PROTESTANTS THE GREATEST MENACE TO HER OWN LIBERTIES

SOME time ago a Roman Catholic writer in boasting of the power and influence of his church said: "The fear of Rome is everywhere." We acknowledge the substantial truth of this at least in many parts of the world, although among some nations and peoples it is wholly absurd. Still in Protestant countries Rome is a constant menace to their constitution and laws as also to their personal liberty of thought, speech, and conscience. Not only is Rome, in a general sense, a menace to our liberties but she is a menace to ordinary business and occupation and even to personal liberty and life. It is the general and persistent policy of the priests and church to oust the Protestant in the different branches of business and fill the place with a Romanist. This is now publicly understood and generally practiced where it can be done without damage to the church—without the prospect of successful retaliation. Also, if there is a vacant government position to be filled the hierarchy is insistent that a Romanist shall fill it; and in about 70% of these cases they are successful; although only about 15% of the population is Romanist.

We have, too, a large number of hybrid business organizations, neither Protestant nor Romanist but

an amalgamation of both, founded by the Romanists for the express purpose of their own advantage, in adding Protestant patronage and shekels to the church treasury. These Protestants generally become subservient to the hierarchy. A large number abdicate their Protestant principles if they ever had any and become the obsequious servants of *the* church. Another branch of Rome's thriving business is to fill the place of the superintendent of every business organization or corporation with a Catholic, if possible. Soon the Protestant heads begin to fall and the Knights of Columbus fill the vacancies. As a rule Rome will only purchase of Romanists, while they work every wire and channel to sell to Protestants.

Then there is the quiet boycotting of Protestant business men which sometimes becomes public and a menace to law and life. It is not then to be wondered at that Protestant business men are very shy of Rome and her tactics. Unless prominent in their faith in a Religion received directly from God through the inspired writers; and they abhor the false, pagan, blasphemous, doctrines created by popes and councils (a man-made religion) they are very likely to consult their pockets; and with the utmost care and delicacy avoid offending Rome and pander notoriously to her purpose and plans.

But Protestants are becoming intelligent on these matters; they are awaking to their danger; and the time is coming soon when the quiet Protestant boycott may become as effective as the Romanist. The recent elections in Kansas City,

Portland, Oregon, and Birmingham, Alabama, and Florida are significant in this direction. So were the elections in New York and Massachusetts about a year ago; and there are "more to follow".

But Protestants have not only to fear the present day conditions but they have the history of Rome for 1000 years to inspire a dread of her awful slaughters and infamous assassinations, mentioned more largely in other portions of this book. One pope expelled the Jesuits for their vile, profligate, infamous lives, a statement of which he has left on record. A few months afterward he was found dead in his bed. The cause of his death is probably known best to the Jesuits. The next pope restored them. Since then the Jesuit is in the saddle. The black pope is the real master and he is the most powerful, unscrupulous and cold blooded, enemy of Protestants and Protestantism on the earth.

Yes! Rome is feared by Protestants and not without sufficient reason. But who loves Rome? Nobody outside her own dupes and followers. Many of them, probably many millions of them, would leave her tomorrow, especially of her priests and nuns, if it were not for their mortal fear of her vindictiveness, her implacable resentment, her Satanic hate. We need to be constantly reminded of the two facts; "*God is Love*", and "Satan is the personification of hate." Hate is the very essence of hell. Satan is the soul of it. Whether it is in Romanism or Mohammedanism or any other ism hate is of the devil, and rebellion against a God

of Love. Love will win! Whatever Purgatorial fires she may have to pass through, Love will win. She will finally conquer all her enemies, and even Hate will be vanquished. For God is Love; and He is the final and absolute conqueror. The Bible, the revealed will and law of God, the infallible guide to all God's children, will be the supreme law of all the earth in its millenniums of manhood and glory as well as the law of the glorious life of the redeemed in the eternity of God's presence. Romanism and every other ism that preaches and practices hate and murder will die and be cast into that lake of perdition, the abode of devils and lost souls.

What Constitutes a Man a Protestant

To the devout Protestant and by such is meant one who has an unquestioned faith in his Bible as God's Word, one to whom the Bible is the supreme and *infallible* Law; and who *Protests* against all human traditions and church *carbons* made by popes and councils which contradict God's Word. Protestants receive their religion directly from God. Rome receives its religion from Pope Pius IX, the Council of Trent, and other human and fallible agencies. To the devout Protestant the final triumph of God, and his Word, and his redeemed children, is as clear and certain as the sun in the heavens at midday in a clear sky. The great army of the martyrs *died* in this faith. The great army of the present militant church of God's redeemed

children *live* in this faith. Love will live and triumph. Hate will die and find a final burial in oblivion. The chief danger of Protestantism today is not from Rome but from her own *Cowardice* and *Indifference*. Her greatest danger is not external but internal. So long as Protestantism is loyal to her own principles she will live and prosper—when she becomes disloyal, she will be scourged until she reforms. The Romanist Religion is a crime against man and a rebellion against God; as such, and all such, it will perish.

*The Traitors Among the Protestant Clergy and
Laity the Chief Offenders*

The desire to be generous and charitable to this class as to all others is very strong. It is so much more pleasant to say a word of commendation than one of rebuke. The Optimist is like sunshine and genially greeted. The Pessimist is like the cloud and storm, endured with a scowl or a frown. But stern duty sometimes demands not only rebuke but denunciation. The Bible is full, not only of the precious promises of God to his children; but also of the sternest and most fearful denunciations to be found on any page of history. The "woes" pronounced by our Savior against hypocrisy, injustice, and profligacy, are terrific. God is a consuming fire to the wicked. His hatred of sin and the unrepentant, persistent, sinner, is a perfect hatred. Against these His indignation knows no bounds. This feature or side of the government of God is too

much neglected and his Love magnified until it become a license for sin. Even some evangelical preachers, it might be more correct to say, some preachers of Evangelical Churches, prate about God's *Inextinguishable Love*. Better not mince matters and swallow the whole dose, and apply for a pulpit in a Universalist Church. Does not the Bible teach that God's Spirit "will not *always* strive with man"? Also there is an "unpardonable sin". Was it God's love that destroyed the whole human race except the few in the Ark with Noah? Was it God's inextinguishable Love that destroyed the ten tribes for idolatry and profligacy until their identity has been lost for 2500 years? Was it Love that sent the Babylonian King to destroy Jerusalem and carry the small remnant into a miserable, grinding, slavery for 70 long toilsome years by the rivers of Babylon? No! It was the indignation of the Almighty against greed, profligacy and Idolatry. So fearful was this punishment that it cured the Jews of Idolatry now for nearly 2400 years. There are two reasons for such terrible punishment of Idolatry. First, because He is jealous of His honor and will not allow that honor to be divided or given to false divinities, the work of men's hands—Second, because all idolatrous worship is accompanied by moral deterioration and profligacy. The worship of Bacchus, Venus and Diana; as well as that of Baal and Ashtorath was of a hideous licentiousness—the grossest immoralities of drunkenness and vice. He would not be a Righteous

God if His indignation did not destroy these human incarnations of vileness and debauchery, who were a menace and curse to the Race. A larger view of the government of God may interpret it in this way, "The indignation against and destruction of the wicked" had the *ulterior motive of love; to prevent the race from destroying itself*. So terrible are these denunciations and destructions of the Old Testament that many kindly, well-meaning people reject it as the Word of God. In their kindness of heart they fail to understand the awful necessity of destroying wickedness.

The Prophet Jeremiah warned the people against the worship of the Queen of Heaven and other idolatries and profligacies; and threatened the indignation of God and the destruction of their holy City, and of their nation, except a remnant. The spirit of the sad prophet, that pessimist of the old Testament, was broken by the sight of the miseries which he foresaw to be coming upon his nation. There were false prophets in those days as in these days, crying peace! peace! and love! Love! when there was indignation and wrath being stored up against them. Those false prophets he calls "dumb dogs". They were placed upon the Walls of Zion to teach and warn the people. They fail to do so, catering to the palate with soft, sweet words. The indignation of the prophet waxes fierce against them and finds fitting expression in the words ("Dumb Dogs"). Some of the people went down into Egypt and Jeremiah with them. He then declared the Judgments of God against

them and that for worshiping the "Queen of Heaven" and other idolatries and other sins they should all perish, except a small remnant, perish by the sword and by pestilence which befell this unhappy people soon afterward. See Jeremiah 44th Chapter.

The military tyrants of Germany have been training their people for nearly 40 years to believe they were the best people on earth, the only ones fit to govern the rest; and the rest only fit to be governed by them. They have been building an army and a navy for universal conquest for 30 years. Building them with all the precision and effectiveness that human science and art could furnish. They have been training the people to believe these selfish, Satanic ambitions and to endure the necessary burdens. The military, naval, and industrial, forces of the nation have been diligently and intelligently trained for the mastery of the world. Love and Brotherhood are Christian terms and embody the spirit of Christianity. Mastership and the lust of Power, regardless of the cost, are Satanic. When England years ago offered to stop building dreadnoughts and relieve the world of the tremendous expense, and a constant menace; if Germany would; the answer was a contemptuous refusal. The Franco-Prussian victory and the subsequent unifying of the German States into the German Empire caused the loss of sound reason; and in its place developed a cold-blooded, imperious ambition, regardless of the most dreadful consequences this unhappy world ever experienced.

If the Protestant Churches had been faithful to their mission to impress the importance of individual rights, duties, and responsibilities, if the Lutheran preachers had emphasized the spirit of the Gospel in Love and Brotherhood instead of Mastery and tyranny, this war never would have happened. The German people never would have approved of, or supported, it. If the vitality and life had not been eaten out of Lutheranism and only the shell, the husk, left, this awful slaughter, this starvation of whole tribes and peoples, this inexpressible agony of widows and orphans, this tremendous burden of indebtedness that it will take over a hundred years to pay; all this waste of manhood and material; never could have taken place—The Emperor's egotism: "The empire has but one ruler and I will tolerate no other". "I and God", linking his name with that of God and exploring His cooperation, is conceited blasphemy.

For all this incalculable misery the ministers of the Lutheran Church are principally to blame. "Pride goes before destruction". The enormity of the crime will measure the awfulness of the punishment. A Righteous God could not do otherwise, and continue Righteous. The Watchman on the walls of Germany's Zion have proved unfaithful. In the language of the prophet, "*Dumb Dogs.*"

In the great day of assize when all books are opened and "all receive the just reward of their *deeds*", where will those "Dumb Dogs" stand? Dumb, speechless, before the throne of Eternal

Justice, their own hearts condemning them—

In all the Roman Catholic world the "Queen of Heaven" is worshiped today. Even in our own country and City (Denver) this worship is constantly advertised and practiced. It is scarcely less hateful to God and degrading to man than in the days of Jeremiah. The Roman Church demands implicit, unquestioned, servile, obedience in this matter as in all others. It enslaves and brutalizes manhood. It declares that to think and choose and act individually and independently is a "damnable heresy". It makes a man a slave, a mere tool, a *thing*, instead of a *man*. "It is a crime against manhood and a rebellion against God."

Mobs and Murder Peculiar Romanist Weapons

We have had a large number of mobs and several murders in the United States in the late years. What kind of mobs were they? Jewish mobs, or Protestant mobs? No, they were Romanist mobs. And who were the murderers, Jews or Protestants? No! they were Catholics; except that one in Georgia. All the others were intended to violently suppress free speech. To prevent the Truth being told about Rome. A Catholic mob kidnapped Spurgeon and beat him almost to death. A Catholic mob 2000 to 2500 people according to the public press mobbed Pastor Salmonetti and the Protestant Italian Mission in North Denver about a year ago. If Bishop McConnell and some other prominent citizens had not in-

tervened and interceded for peace, there might have been more bloodshed to answer for. About a year ago a Romanist priest went unbidden into a private house in a village just outside of Denver and broke up a prayer meeting and turned the quiet law-abiding citizens out of doors to run the gauntlet of mud, bad eggs, etc., between two files of a Catholic mob.

The murderers of William Black in Texas were all Romanists and some or all of them Knights of Columbus. More than a score of mobs threatened the life of Father Chiniquy—all Romanists—Doctor Slattery, Miss Lowry and numerous others have been repeatedly mobbed in the last few years. All Romanist mobs! Does any one hear of a Protestant mob? No Protestant cares what any ex-Protestant can say about his church. Protestantism has nothing to hide. It rejoices in the light of the sun. Our Lord says some people, "love *darkness* rather than *light* because *their deeds are evil*." If there is nothing to hide, why those mobs? Why those locked doors and barred windows? Why those mobs to prevent the truth being told about Rome. They claim they are lies. If so they have a quick remedy in the Courts. But they do not dare go into the Courts except to convict some one of using obscene language when they publish an extract from their so-called "Moral Theology." What a shame! A moral Theology so obscene that our Courts forbid its publication in English under penalty of fine and imprisonment or both. See the long, bitter, legal, persecution of Thomas

Watson of Georgia for this offense. Also the fining of Miss Anna Lowry by a Minnesota Court \$35.00, for the same offense. Moral Theology! Rather a system of the vilest immorality and criminality upon the earth! We may furnish some details and illustrations of this in another place. The whole history of Ancient Paganism cannot match it for utter vileness and arrogant criminality. How long will a decent earth suffer it? No wonder the Almighty curses every nation that adopts Romanism.

So the brutality of Rome is destroying her and will finally accomplish it—Why hide nothing? Why insist on staying in the dark? Why not come into the light and depend on reason and good deeds instead of mobs and murder?

These are crimes against our constitution and laws. They are also crimes against our liberties, bought by millions of treasure. The precious legacy of the martyrs of 1000 years of heartless, cold-blooded, persecution and murder. Crimes against *manhood*! Compared with these crimes, theft, robbery, adultery, and even isolated cases of murder are insignificant. These may concern a single individual or a few. Those affect the God-given liberties of a whole people; and if not checked will inevitably lead to terrible and nation-wide bloodshed. Yet when this Denver Priest was taken into Court a servile prosecuting attorney procured his acquittal while the facts were unquestioned. Neither could the assailants of Spurgeon be convicted although he was obliged to spend three or

four weeks in a hospital to heal his bruises and cuts. The murderers of Willian Black in Texas could not be convicted. The difficulty of convicting any Catholic of crime against liberty may compel Protestants to defend themselves; and depend on themselves for Justice instead of depending on the Courts. If this condition gains general currency and belief it will put a premium on violence. Mobs and murder will increase in frequency and violence; and if Protestants are compelled to defend their liberties and lives, most grave consequences may ensue; and an obsequious, cowardly, judiciary, will be largely to blame for the dire consequences. Protestants are as a rule law-abiding citizens and slow to adopt violent measures of retaliation. While it is true that Protestants in their early history were unfortunately guilty of many acts of persecution and violence; yet there is not one case to the thousand slaughtered by Rome; and these men were made desperate by the suffering of themselves, their wives, and children. Of course they imbibed this spirit from Rome; and were not at first capable of grasping the full liberty of the Gospel or the individual independence and personal responsibility of manhood—On the other hand open wars of extermination; mobs and wholesale slaughter and private assassinations have been the constant and consistent belief and practice of Rome for more than 1000 years. When we take into account her past history and present attitude; and her publicly avowed determination to make her religion the dominant

one in this country; and compel the State to become her subservient tool in forcing all others to submit to it then it is time for Protestants to awake from slumber! When we remember that the Jesuits are past masters in all the arts of Diplomacy and dissimulation, and that they publicly teach and avow the doctrine that "the end justifies the means" and that no means however cruel, and diabolical, are rejected, provided they promise success for the Church. This is the teaching of Rome's *immoral* Theology. Could any creed and practice be more Satanic? When we consider all these factors we are compelled to pronounce Romanism the most powerful, the most unscrupulous, and the most dangerous enemy of Protestants, Protestantism, and human liberty.

In view of the present conditions and the open sneer of Romanism that Protestantism is disintegrating and is not longer a factor worth considering according to Archbishop Ireland; it is amazing that Protestant Preachers are so silent on the subject. Probably not 10% of these dare open their mouths against this tyranny and idolatry of Rome. Five per cent. would very likely be nearer the truth. While some of these traitors to God and man, equally, have the temerity to become the public apologists of Rome! The false shepherds opening the doors of the sheepfold for the wolves to enter. Jeremiah is right, "*Dumb Dogs*"! Not even weak *men*. "*Dumb Dogs*!" For all the dire results of this Indifference or Cowardice these "*Dumb Dogs*" will be held largely responsible.

Not only the Protestant clergy but the intelligent laity will be held largely responsible for this sycophancy, this material support of modern paganism and idolatry; these hybrid combinations for the support of a foul system that is "the enemy of manhood and a rebellion against God". They will be better known in the future, more correctly gauged, and more heartily and conscientiously detested.

Indifference, Cowardice, and Greed, their main features! These contemptible enemies of their race and religion! A part of the *curse* of *God* upon our nation! "Dumb Dogs!" Thanks, Jeremiah! The appellation is just.

CHAPTER VIII

RELATIONS OF THE VATICAN TO THE PRESENT WORLD WAR. BALEFUL INFLUENCE OF THE JESUIT IN GERMANY

THE historian who endeavors to set forth in order the leading events of the history of any people; the causes or motives producing the same, without taking into account the religious belief and practice of such people, has missed the connecting link and main factor of the whole business. The religious feeling is imbedded deeply in human nature. It is an universal condition with very few, if any, exceptions. The notions of a Divine Being or beings and of accountability to the same is as wide as the world, although dim and vague in the mind of all ignorant and uncivilized peoples. This is due to their mode of thought and life. The more enlightened and moral the people, the more enlightened and righteous their God until He culminates in the one Supreme, perfect Deity revealed in the Scriptures. The supreme manhood of earth is the Man of Galilee. The supreme God of the universe is the resurrected and glorified Man of Galilee in connection with his Divine nature and with the Eternal Father. Christianity has evolved a Perfect God, a Perfect Law, and a Perfect Life. The Law of God allows no deviation from perfect obedience to a perfect law so far as our imperfect humanity finds it possible. A lie

is in no case admissible even to save life. Christ says "I am the Truth"; and we are told that "all liars shall have their portion in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone forever". Christ came into the world to bear witness to the Truth. For this purpose He lived and died. Millions of His followers have found their Gethsemane and Calvary.

The venerable Polycarp, eighty-six years of age, was thrown to the lions by Pagan Rome because he would not deny his Lord. Savonarola, John Huss and Jerome of Prague were burned at the stake because they denounced the iniquities and idolatries of Papal Rome. Cramner, Ridley, Latimer and hosts of others entered heaven in a chariot of fire. The tortures of Papal Rome exceeded in delicacy and refinement of agony even those of Pagan Rome.

A HEROIC CHRISTIAN FAITH PRESERVED A REMNANT OF THE WALDENSES AND ALBIGENSES AFTER CENTURIES OF BITTER PERSECUTION. Christian faith and liberty inspired the splendid resistance of William the Silent and the Netherlands to the forces of Phillip II of Spain, then the most powerful country of the world, for over forty years and won. Cromwell's Ironsides, sustained by an unshakable Faith in God and Righteousness, had no equal among the soldiers of the world. The siege of Ostend, like the siege of Derry, are glorious memorials of Christian loyalty and heroism—But time forbids space for the great

army of martyrs.

On the other hand it is equally true that some forms of cult and superstition have furnished a quota of martyrs though not so numerous or heroic.

Religion was the main spring of Mohammedan success. A sensual Paradise was considered by multitudes as ample payment for the severest suffering on earth.

Not all, but nearly all, the wars of Europe for the past thousand years have been inspired by the Roman Church, as also nearly all the earlier wars and wholesale slaughters of this hemisphere. Besides those slain on the battlefield, millions fell by the "Holy Inquisition" and wholesale slaughters like that of Saint Bartholomew in France.

Mr. Lecky says (Vol. 2, P. 52) "That the church of Rome has slaughtered more innocent people than any other organization ever upon the earth, will not be denied by anyone with a competent knowledge of history". The Forty Years War of Spain against the Netherlands, the Seven Year War, and the Thirty Year War, and many others were instigated by the Vatican. Many of the rebellions in England and other countries had their inspiration in Rome. That "Invincible Spanish Armada" that descended upon England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth to extirpate heresy is another flagrant example of Rome's endeavor to rule the world.

With these preparatory remarks let us now examine the Relation of the Vatican to the present World War.

Some things stated in the following pages will be stoutly denied and bitterly denounced by Jesuits whether inside the Roman organization or masquerading as Protestants. Yet we are satisfied of their verity. Many can be verified from Papal Bulls and other deliverances of the same authority; and from the writings of authorized and approved Romanist scholars and divines. Some others most difficult of direct proof because of the absolutely secret and oathbound organization of Roman Catholic clergy; can only be established by historical developments necessarily proceeding from Romanist and Jesuitical principles and practices. "The tree is known by its fruits". "A good tree cannot bear evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bear good fruit." This is axiomatic and as plain as the simplest mathematical proposition.

Any church or organization that teaches Infallibility is necessarily the enemy of every other church and organization on the earth. The Pope speaking, *ex cathedra*, is infallible. Hence all the moral and spiritual teachings of the Pope are unquestionably the teachings of the Almighty. It necessarily follows that whoever rejects the authority and teaching of the Pope rejects the authority and teaching of the Almighty, and by so doing becomes the enemy of the Roman Church and of the Almighty Himself. And for this he deserves capital punishment,—extirpation. This is the doctrine of Rome today to which there is a wise addenda i. e. *where she has not the power to execute the above sentence she must wait.* In

view of this teaching all talk of the union of Protestantism with Romanism is blatant nonsense. They are diametrically opposed. You might as well try to unite the east and west. A prominent Romanist writer recently said on this subject, "A union with Rome is very simple. Just receive the Pope as the Divinely inspired and infallible Head of the Universal Christian Church. *This is all. It is very simple.*" Well, so it is! What millions of the best people of the world suffered untold agonies rather than do, shall we do? No! not while truth lives upon the earth and God reigns in Heaven! The traitor to his divine Master is accursed.

Let us bear these principles in mind. Many Protestants will not believe them. Search Rome's writings and you will find them on every page! Don't let your ignorance indict me of falsehood. Thousands of Roman Catholics do not understand the inner teaching and purposes of their church—"*Universal dominion at any cost.*" This is the purpose of Rome. Identical is the purpose of Germany. Gen. Bernhardi summed it briefly when he wrote: "Universal dominion or downfall."

First let us take a bird's eye view of the general relation of the Vatican to the present World War. Afterwards we will consider the baleful influence of the Jesuit upon the people of Germany.

That the Vatican has had a special relation to this universal conquest so boldly announced by German writers is unquestionable. That it had a definite place in the universal plan is becoming

clearer every day. That the Jesuit had a defined place, purpose and work to perform, is forcing itself upon the consciousness of the allied nations. In fact, *that the two Kaisers and the Pope were the three arch-conspirators* in organizing the present World War there will be little room to doubt, if you will consider well the following historical facts, which are generally accepted as true by the intelligence of the world. "The tree is known by its fruits". The facts indicate unmistakably the causes—This war was planned as early as 1895, if not earlier. Publications of this date by the Pan German League and other societies as well as those of prominent writers, leave no room for doubt. Let us bear in mind that the plan of world conquest, of *Mittell Europa*, of an empire from Berlin to Bagdad was then definitely conceived and has been nourished ever since. This is the *pou sto* of the whole conspiracy. Let us get our starting point and our direction right; then it will be easy to follow the road.

The Pope's concordat with Serbia giving the Roman Church absolute control of the whole educational system of the country even to paying Roman priests to teach Greek Catholic children the Roman Catholic religion, was an arrogant tyranny. The demand for this concordat was supported by the threat of Austrian bayonets. The Archduke Francis Ferdinand was blamed as the chief instrument in forcing this agreement; and it proved one of the factors in his assassination.

Then Austria made demands on Serbia for rep-

aration for the murder. Some of these demands were of such a nature that no independent nationality could concede them with honor; and they were refused—although backed up with a threat of war in forty-eight hours—if not granted. This roused an angry and defiant spirit in all Serbian people and this was, doubtless, its intention. Many of these developments were at the time considered accidental or incidental. It was not so. They were the studied outcome of a definite purpose, an organized plan, that was nearing its realization.

The rest of the civilized world could not believe in this colossal ambition, this complete ignoring of all law, both national and international; and the use of any means however ruthless, savage and inhuman, to accomplish its end. Europe was deceived up to the last moment. M. Andre Cheradame, a keen, intelligent Frenchman just before the war published a book revealing the plans and purposes of Germany. But he was not believed and was treated as a visionary monomaniac. The purpose was so large, so astounding, so colossal, so against reason or probability or possibility, that the statesmen of France and England utterly ignored it. Now they are amazed to find the French writer correct, only that he did not know it all. France and England were so completely mesmerized by the Kaiser's professions of peace and friendship they did not wake up until war had been declared and German troops were already in Belgium; while the Kaiser and his coterie were trying to make the German people and the world believe

they were fighting a defensive war forced on them by Russia, France and England. Maximilian Harden spoke out the brutal fact: "We were not surprised, we willed the war and were prepared for it." The evidences of this fact have been so multiplied, and from so many credible sources, even from prominent, authorized and official German writers, every intelligent man in the world believes it, except Germans and Pro-Germans, who will believe nothing against German interest and honor.

Another important development in this line occurred on the Italian front last October. The demoralization in the Italian army and its humiliating defeat and retreat were mainly secured by Roman propaganda; as indicated by the watchword of the mutineers: "Long live peace! Long live the Pope!" The spy system maintained by a prominent Vatican official and the destruction of two Italian battleships by the traitorous Chamberlain's agents, taken in connection with other Entente catastrophies prove conclusively that the Vatican influence was as actively pro-German as it dared.

The Pope's plea for peace is another very important item in the general indictment against the Vatican. That plea for peace would have been a victory for Germany if accepted by the Entente powers. This, however, was not expected. The real aim was twofold. First, to create dissension among the Entente peoples. Second, it must be construed as an *order* to all *Roman Catholics* in the world to work for peace on that basis. Pro-

testants generally do not understand this. All loyal Romanists do. Cardinal Gibbons, the Dean of the Hierarchy in this country, certainly does. His plea for a "sympathetic" attitude on the part of our nation towards *any offer of peace of Germany*, is in line with the Pope's order as far as he dared; and with the knowledge of President Wilson's curt rejection of the Pope's plea; and that there would be no peace with the Hohenzollern Junta, its audacity is surprising. We, Protestants, do not understand that Cardinal Gibbons had ever been elected to the position of Legal Adviser to our President or our Secretary of State. We have no sympathy with the Kaiser's plan of Universal Conquest or with his alliance with the "unspeakable Turk" and the inhuman slaughter of nearly a million miserable Armenians; men, women and children. We have no sympathy with the treatment of Belgians. We have no sympathy with the German doctrine that moral law, national or international, human or Divine, applies only to individuals but has no application to nations; that *might makes right*; that *necessity knows no law*. That any *means*, however brutal and ruthless, are sanctified and approved by the *end* in view. We have no sympathy with this teaching or practice. We have only contempt and indignation. It is not Christian. It is Satanic.

Lastly may be mentioned generally that the Romanist province of Quebec is thoroughly disloyal to the Dominion Government. So is Romanist Ireland disloyal to the British Government. The

opposition to conscription in Australia was largely due to the influence of the Romanist clergy. The pro-Germanism of Mexico and the major portion of the troubles of that unhappy country for the past hundred years have had their inspiration from the same source.

The Roman church is an absolute monarchy with a presumptuous claim to infallibility. It has no sympathy with democracy in any form. It is its inveterate and eternal enemy, notwithstanding its hypocritical professions of amity. This is the unique and consistent practice and history of the church. It anathematizes the individual independence of thought and speech, which is the foundation of all intelligent democracies.

We repeat, "The tree is known by its fruits." The fruits are exactly such as the Papal tree will necessarily bear; every loyal Romanist in the world owes supreme allegiance to the Pope, as the Western Watchman boasted a few years ago: "We Catholics are Catholics *FIRST*".

The Baleful Influence of the Jesuit upon the German Nation

This branch of the subject demands careful handling. We have to refer back many years in history to find the solution of this mystery. The *key* may be found in an utterance of Cardinal Manning in England in 1874, i. e. concerning the Temporal Power of the Pope the Cardinal says:

"THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION OF THE DIFFICULTY, AND THAT IS THE TERRIBLE SCOURGE OF A CONTINENTAL WAR, A WAR WHICH WILL EXCEED THE HORRORS OF ANY WAR OF THE FIRST EMPIRE. AND IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT, IN SPITE OF ALL THE OBSTACLES, THE VICAR OF CHRIST WILL BE PUT AGAIN INTO HIS OWN RIGHTFUL PLACE. BUT THAT DAY WILL NOT BE UNTIL HIS ADVERSARIES WILL HAVE CRUSHED EACH OTHER WITH MUTUAL DESTRUCTION."

This statement was not then taken seriously. Like M. Cheradame's book it was considered the idle threat of a visionary bigot. The entire world, and especially England, is beginning to realize that it was no idle vision but a deeply meditated and clearly outlined purpose of the Church—Rome never slumbers nor sleeps. Rome never forgets. For successive years and even centuries she plans and secretly works out the accomplishment by *any means* in her power. The Jesuit teaching for centuries is that "The end justifies the means"—The murder of one man or of a million if they stand in the way of her success is not only no crime but a virtue. The Pope and leading clergy of Rome went in solemn procession to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul and sang a *te Deum* in honor of the slaughter of those accursed heretics in France at the festival of Saint Bartholomew.

Now note the threat in the last sentence, "*Not until his adversaries will have crushed each other with mutual destruction.*"

The principal adversaries "to be crushed with mutual destruction" are England and Germany, the two great strongholds of Protestantism in Europe at that time. How is this to be accomplished? By gradually sowing discord between the two nations.

The victories of the Germans in Austria, Denmark and France elated the German people and magnified their ambitions. To play upon the German desires; to flatter German people, their superior manhood, their unequalled achievements, their manifest destiny to rule the world. This was one side of the question. The other was contemptuous disparagement of all other nations, *especially the British*, as summed up by J. P. Bane, a Danish writer. "The leading German writers, including many of the prominent clergy, persistently and extravagantly disseminated the two fundamental ideas—The passionate hatred and contemptuous disparagement of other nations; and the equally excessive idolatry of Germanism as the last and only hope of the world's salvation."

Standing out like a towering mountain peak is the corruption of the Lutheran and other Protestant clergy of Germany. Their flattery of the German people and their monopoly of the "German god" is simply gross idolatry and blasphemy. I will quote a little from some of their lay and cleric writers as samples of the excessive flattery,

excessive *Hate*, and gross blasphemy, which has mainly constituted the moral and spiritual pabulum of the German people for the last twenty-five years. In view of it we can only lift our hands in holy horror and repeat the classic phrase, "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad." "The fine Italian hand" of the Jesuit is clearly in evidence in it all—"The tree is known by its fruits."

Note the following: "The German people is always right because it is the German people and numbers eighty-seven million souls."—O. R. Tan-nenberg.

"Our next war will be fought for the highest interests of our country and of mankind. This will invest it with importance in the world's history. World-power or downfall!"—General V. Bernhardi.

"Who knows whether we Germans are not the rod predestined for the chastening of these degeneracies, who knows whether we may not again, like our fathers in dim antiquity, have to gird on our swords and go forth to seek dwelling-places for our increase?"—F. Lange.

"If we compare our time with the great eras of our fathers, we are perfectly capable of a sober self-criticism. We have no use for illusions and self-deceptions on the way to our indispensable victory."—Prof. F. Meinecke, D. D. E.

"We must vanquish, because the downfall of Germanism would mean the downfall of humanity."—"Six War Sermons," by Pastor K. Konig,

quoted in H. A. H., p. 99.

"When the German stands leaning on his mighty sword, clad in steel from top to toe, whosoever will may, down below, dance round his feet—they may rail at him and throw mud at him, as the 'intellectuals' . . . of England, France, Russia and Italy are now doing—in his lofty repose he will not allow himself to be disturbed, and will only reflect as did his ancestors. *Oderint dum metuant.*"—Prof. W. Sombart, H. U. H.

"Germany's fight against the whole world is in reality the battle of the spirit against the whole world's infamy, falsehood, and devilish cunning."—"On the German God," by Pastor W. Lehmann, quoted in H. A. H.

"Do you not see, Albion, that the German Michel, on whom you looked down with such contempt, is now transformed into the Archangel Michael, and, warning you with his flaming sword, triumphs over the race of the fallen angels and all the offspring of hell."—F. Delitzsch, D. R. S. Z.

"We must win, because, if we were defeated, no one in the whole world could any longer cherish any remnant of belief in truth and right, in the Good, or, indeed, in any higher Power which wisely and justly guides the destinies of humanity."—W. Helm, W. W. S. M.

"One single highly cultured German warrior, of those who are, alas! falling in thousands, represents a higher intellectual and moral life-value than hundreds of the raw children of nature (*Natemenschen*) whom England and France,

Russia and Italy, oppose to them.”—Prof. E. Haeckel, E. W.

“One thing, I think, is clear, God must stand on our side. We fight for right and truth, for Kultur and civilization, and human progress, and true Christianity, against untruthfulness and hypocrisy and falseness, and un-Kultur and barbarism and brutality. All human blessings, aye, and humanity itself, stand under the protection of our bright weapons.”—“War Sermons,” by Pastor H. Francke, quoted in H. A. H.

“The soldier who spat in the face of the thorn-crowned Savior did not act more shamelessly than does England now.”—“The True Unity,” by Pastor Tolzien, quoted in H. A. H.

“Is there anyone who does not know why England declared war? Why? . . . From jealousy. From shopkeeper-spite. Because she wanted to earn the thirty pieces of silver.”—“The World-Politics of England,” by Pastor G. Tolzien, quoted in H. A. H.

“Is the living God, the God whom one can only have and understand in the spirit of Jesus Christ, is He the God of those others? No, they serve at best Satan, the father of lies!”—“War Sermons,” by Pastor H. Francke, quoted in H. A. H.

“England is our worst enemy, and we will fight her till we have overthrown her! So may it please our Great Ally, who stands behind the German battalions, behind our ships and U-boats, and behind our blessed ‘militarism’!”—E. C. Heyking, D. W. E.

"The German soul is the world's soul, God and Germany belong to one another."—"On the German God," by Pastor W. Lehmann, quoted in H. A. H.

"Since almost every part of the globe is inhabited, new territory must, as a rule, be obtained at the cost of its possessors—that is to say, by conquest, which thus becomes a law of necessity."—General V. Bernhardt, G. N. W.

"I have lived thirty years exclusively in German countries and my testimony is this: in the whole of Germany there has not been for the past forty-three years a single man who has wished for war—not one. Whoever denies this, lies."—H. S. Chamberlain, K. A.

What a colossal liar! The renegade Englishman out Germans Germany in base falsehood that never had a shadow of Truth. In this respect the Emperor William is his only successful competitor.

The above quotations might be increased one hundred or one thousand per cent., but *pro bono*? They all have the same earmarks and inspiration, i. e. supreme adulation of the Germans; supreme contempt of her adversaries; presumptuous blasphemy concerning the German God, and *Necessity Knows No Law*; and the *End* justifies the *means*.

Yes! The Jesuit did his work well. He made a clean thorough job of it. In fact he over did the mark; as he usually does so that the slimy trail of the serpent is easily discernible. The *vestigia* are unmistakable. The most surprising and accursed part of it is the awful corruption and ab-

solute Papalizing of the Protestant clergy. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and the example given is one of love and mercy by a man of a despised race and a hated religion.

Love and brotherhood are two cardinal principles of Christianity. The disparagement, the contempt and the falsehood and blasphemy of the German clergy are not only anti-christian, they are satanic.

*The Kaiser and His Government Co-Operated
With the Jesuit*

It is well known that Bismarck had a law enacted expelling the Jesuit from Germany. But when the idea of Universal Empire was taking root in the Emperor's brain, he saw clearly that an immense army and a powerful navy were absolutely necessary to the success of the scheme. So he asked large sums of the Reichstag for this purpose. They were refused—the Centrist or Catholic party voting against them. Then he began a secret diplomacy with the Vatican, established a sympathetic entente there, and allowed the Jesuits to return. Then he was voted all the money necessary. The building of battleships made amazing strides. This compelled England and other nations to expend vast sums to keep pace with Germany. England twice made overtures to Germany to stop building battleships, and she would. This was quietly ignored on the plea that the immense expansion of German commerce needed the immense

navy for protection. Every leading officer in the German navy knew the real purpose was to build a navy that would crush the British and a frequent toast drank on board their men of war was, "to the Day", meaning the day they could meet and crush Britain on the seas.

The present Chancellor Count Von Hertling of Bavaria, was one of the leading instruments in bringing the Jesuits back to Germany, and having the law removed from the statute books exiling them. He has been an ardent supporter of the Pope and the Pope's temporal power. For these services and for the recent plea for peace by the present Pope, Von Hertling is made Chancellor of the Empire.

But it may be asked if the Vatican is one of the active triumvirate for the conquest of the world, why did it consent to the destruction of Belgium. If the facts ever come to light, it will undoubtedly be found that Belgium stood across the road to success and must be crushed. But in case of final success, if the facts ever come to light it will certainly be found that the reward to the Vatican would far outweigh the loss of Belgium. Success of the Berlin to Bagdad Empire would effectually block further extension of the Greek Church and would seriously limit, if not destroy it utterly in the present Balkan provinces. It was this danger from the Greek Church which inspired the concordat with Serbia and caused so much indignation, that with other causes resulted in the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand;

and proved the immediate provocation of this world conflagration. It is most probable also that the Vatican was promised the disruption of the Italian Kingdom and the restoration of the "States of the Church" ruled or misruled for so many centuries by the Vatican.

But the most powerful consideration as foretold by Cardinal Manning was, "the mutual destruction of England and Germany," the great pillars of Protestantism in Europe. The present conditions must certainly be highly satisfactory to the Vatican at this time, March, 1918.

The Jesuit has played most skilfully and successfully upon the egotism and desire for conquest and glory of the German people, and the most dangerous feature of all is the wholesale corruption of the German Protestant clergy until their utterances and teachings, as previously quoted, have become positively satanic. Justice, mercy, the law of love and service, are set aside and in their place are transcendent selfishness, brutality and tyranny. "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." God reigns and His justice and mercy will finally prevail. The gates of hell and all its powers will be overthrown eventually: "God reigns," not Satan.

Another product of the alliance with the Pope is seen in the amazing and wonderful system of espionage so universal and complete in every detail as to be unbelievable until recent developments have proved beyond a peradventure its existence. Who could accomplish this work so easily,

so secretly and so universally as the Roman Church? There is no other organization on earth so well fitted to complete the task. With their vow of absolute obedience, their customary methods of secretly pursuing their designs, their perfect knowledge of persons and localities, aided by the seal of the confessional, no organization in the world is so well equipped to complete the work of espionage in every civilized country and in some not over civilized. The coincidences are so marked as to constitute a strong presumption, if not a moral certainty that this was the Vatican's part in the awful game of Universal Dominion. "The tree is known by its fruits"; and the fruits point directly to the Upas tree of Romanism.

The outlook certainly promised a brilliant success for the whole scheme. With Ireland stirred to sedition by German intrigue, with Sir Roger Casement and other traitors; with German treachery in Egypt and the attempt to stir up civil war there aided by Mohammedan tribes; with German spies in our own country planning a Mohammedan uprising in India of the eighty million of that faith, assisted by Indian traitors and corrupted with German gold; and still of more importance the alliance with the Sultan and the head of Islam in Constantinople to declare a Holy war in favor of Germany; it certainly appeared as if they held the winning cards in the great game of world sovereignty. Also their assurance from their spies, including their chief in the United States, that false, crafty statesman Count Bernstorff, that the

Germans in our country would nullify our efforts for war, the final issue of the contest seemed certain.

No wonder the German writers prophesied that "their army would be in Paris within thirty to sixty days and France would be out of the deal. In six months Russia would be overwhelmed and then England's turn would come and after England our turn would come next; and the major expense of the war would be levied upon us and the swinish, despicable British."

The Kaiser's connection with the election of Cardinal Ledochowski, a German Pole, to be the black Pope or general of the Jesuit order is very significant in this connection. He could place the universal system of espionage. His orders would be implicitly obeyed.

Lastly let us consider one of the prophecies in the Book of Revelation. There is no book of the Bible so twisted as to appear to uphold the most idiotic ideas imposed upon a too credulous people. Christian or non-christian. Every inventor of New Thought or a new sect rushes to this Book for Divine approval. The author believes that everybody, including himself, has but a minimum of knowledge concerning the revelations of this book. Still we will quote one prophecy and endeavor to trace a significance or parallelism. Of course many will conclude this is visionary and some will denounce it as malicious—nevertheless:—

Rev. 16:13, 14. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the

Dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the Kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Rev. 12:9 tells us the Dragon was that old serpent the Devil and Satan.

Nearly all Protestant commentators teach that the beast represents the Roman Church, whose capitol is built on seven hills on the banks of the Tiber.

Why not the false prophet symbolizing the Jesuit who, with many followers, has been prophesying for twenty-five years, like one in the Old Testament: "Go up and conquer!"

With this little parable we give the evidence to the jury and serenely await the verdict.

CHAPTER IX

THE ROMANIST COUNTRIES ARE THE POOREST IN CHRISTENDOM

LORD Macaulay said of Papal Rome: "The Population seemed to consist of foreigners, priests, and paupers." He also says: "Whoever knows what England and Scotland naturally are, and what, 400 years ago, they were, shall now compare the country around Rome with the country around Edinburgh, will be able to form some judgment as to the tendency of Papal domination. The descent of Spain, once the first among monarchies, to the lowest depths of degradation; the elevation of Holland in spite of many natural disadvantages, to a position such as no commonwealth so small has ever reached, teach the same lesson. Whoever passes, in Germany, from a Roman Catholic to a Protestant principality; in Switzerland from a Roman Catholic to a Protestant canton; in Ireland from a Roman Catholic to a Protestant county; finds that he has passed from a lower to a higher grade of civilization. On the other side of the Atlantic the same law prevails. The Protestants of the United States have left far behind them the Roman Catholics of Mexico, Peru, and Brazil. The Roman Catholics of Lower Canada remain inert while the whole continent around them is in a ferment with Protestant activity and enterprise."

The British Medical Journal commenting on this subject said: "The splendid newly built Catholic Church, the well built convent, now and then the bishop's palace, rise among the wretched cabins of some of the poorest people in the world."

Take for example the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Mexico City, said to be one of the grandest on the American Continent; and the peons of that country are among the most poverty stricken and most ignorant peoples of the world. Romanism is an absolute despotism of the most arbitrary nature. Her commands must not be questioned. They must receive absolute, unquestioned, servile, obedience. Hence Rome can only sympathize with Autocratic and Aristocratic governments. Let not republics deceive themselves by thinking Rome has any sympathy with them; or any intention to treat them justly. The church has been the principal and most powerful enemy of Mexico from the beginning of her possession of that unhappy country. The hierarchy parade their grandeur; and the masses of the people parade their squalor.

We will furnish a little further evidence on this point. Australia and Argentine, according to the Buenos Ayres Standard, are very similar in area and population; yet Australia has a public revenue of £29,000,000 against about £4,000,000 for Argentine and a foreign commerce amounting to £132,000,000 against £4,000,000.

Mr. Ernest Philips of London in his book, "Papal Merchandise", says: "The trade returns of 18 Protestant countries show \$99.94 per capita.

While the trade returns of 21 Roman Catholic countries show only \$23.23 per capita."

Again Mr. Philips says: The following countries were in bankruptcy during the 19th Century:

Roman Catholic	17
Pagan	2
Greek Church	1
Mohammedan	1

Also Mr. Philips says:

Spain, Portugal, South America, and Mexico, have been bankrupt from one to four times while Great Britain and her colonies have not furnished a single instance.

Rome absolutely enervates and paralyzes thought, initiation, and enterprise. The curse of the Almighty inevitably attends the system.

CHAPTER X

THE ROMANIST ARE THE MOST ILLITERATE COUNTRIES IN CHRISTENDOM

MR. Ernest Philips in his exhaustive work is responsible for the following: "Eight Roman Catholic Countries, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, Austria-Hungary and Venezuela, with a combined area of nearly $4\frac{1}{2}$ million square miles and a population of 148 millions of which the average is 92% Catholic and the *per cent. of illiteracy is sixty.*"

The following eight Protestant Countries—Victoria, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Great Britain and the United States with an area of a little less than the others and a population of about 250 millions of whom 80% are Protestants and the illiteracy is only 4%. Could any figures more eloquently illustrate the baleful influence of Rome on every people into whose system she fastens her tentacles? Apathy, torpor, inertia, become their universal characteristics. Their fruits are ignorance, poverty, and crime. "The tree is known by its fruits." Further, the more emphatically a people is Romanist, the more conspicuous becomes their poverty, ignorance and crime; and vice versa.

The American Citizen then (1910) of Orange, N. J., published the following:

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Germany per cent. of illiterates	2
England per cent. of illiterates	9
Bohemia per cent. of illiterates	59
Italy, Upper per cent. of illiterates	53
Italy, Central per cent. of illiterates	74

Mr. Phillips says in regard to the number of votes cast or polled in Britain in 1910 at a general election the number per 1000 of illiterates was:

England and Wales	3.97
Scotland	3.09
Ireland	120.09

The above figures are astounding especially those of Central Italy, at the very doors of the Vatican. Is this the fruit and influence of the headquarters of Romanism? It provokes the question, Is the Holy Father's Holiness built upon ignorance and superstition? No wonder another prominent writer said of the Papal States, those under the immediate government of the Vatican: "The Papal States are the worst governed in the world." The policy of Rome has ever been to keep the common people in ignorance. If enlightened they would not submit to her superstitions, cruelty and oppression. Only in Protestant countries does Rome make any effort at the education of the people. She does this in order to hold her own people. The atmosphere of the public schools is adverse to the Romish Spirit; and also she is compelled to educate her own people to fit them for responsi-

ble positions in all lines of business. Otherwise they would universally be filled and controlled by Protestants to the detriment of her own people, to which they would not submit and would eventually be lost to Rome. And yet Catholic Schools even in our country, are, as a rule, more superficial and showy than solid and substantial. Ex-President Eliot of Harvard is authority for the statement that, "Few graduates of Roman Catholic Schools could enter the Freshman Class at Harvard."

Mr. Hugh O'Donnel, a prominent Irish Catholic, speaking of the Education Administered by his church says:

"There is perhaps no factor of Irish decay more potent in evil than the ignorant, slovenly, superficial, pietistic parody of instruction, which is the fate of the Irish school girl. In fact the root of thriftless Irish homes is the *nun school*. Just as the root of the Irish National ignorance is in the Clericalized monopoly of all education. The female clericalism like the male clericalism starves the brains of the laity by bad education, and forbids their employment when they survive the starvation."

Mr. M. J. F. McCarthy, another prominent Irishman, gives the following testimony:

"Why then is there this preponderance of Protestant business and professional men? I say it is because there is a more general ability and business capacity among them; and it is easier to pick out good practical men on that side than on our side. Why is there more general ability and worldly

capacity amongst them? I have before remarked that the leaven of Superior education is three times as great in proportion to the mass amongst the Protestants as amongst the Catholics”.

No Protestant writer can describe the corruptions, profligacy, ignorance, poverty, and criminality of the Roman Church in more scathing, even bitter terms than prominent men of her own communion. In the main they were honorable and upright men who honestly denounced her corruptions in order to bring about, “a reformation in her head and members.”

The sham and showy education taught in Catholic Schools is fitly called by Mr. O'Donnel “*a pietistic parody on instruction*”, too much time given the Queen of Heaven, the saints, and the Almighty power of the priesthood! It is much to be regretted that the Romanist spirit is infecting our Public Schools, too much sham and show and too little a foundation of accurate scholarship. The former superfluity many times intended to cover up the latter deficiency.

CHAPTER XI

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COUNTRIES ARE THE MOST IMMORAL AND CRIMINAL IN CHRISTENDOM

THIS allegation may seem to some people severe and untrue. Wait till you examine the evidence. The proofs are often a complete surprise to the historian and investigator. Listen to what Bishop Neely of M. E. Church says on this subject: In his work on "South America" he says:

"The Roman Catholic Church in South America has been a sad failure. It had before it a great opportunity. For centuries it had the entire field, without a competitor. It has failed to develop a spiritual Christianity to give the people freedom, either political or religious, to enlighten and make the people intelligent or greatly to better their social condition."

Right in line with the Bishop's words, Mr. Walter Scott Lee says: "Knowing the corrupt lives of the priests, it is hardly necessary to say that the most unspeakable corruption is prevalent everywhere in all classes of society."

To this may be added the words of Dr. Francis E. Clark in his reference to South America. "Like priest, like people. The immorality of the priests is doubtless one reason for the looseness of the family tie in all parts of South America."

Says the Brazilian Journal: "The heritage which Spain and Portugal left their South Amer-

ican colonies under papal rule was priestly tyranny and corruption, ignorance of the masses, and illegitimacy; defective morality, superstition, bigotry or open unbelief; external forms of religion degenerated into downright idolatry, chronic revolutions and bankruptcy."

Here follows further recent testimony. The Westminster Gazette, a well known papal publication says: "The neglected children of London are chiefly our children and the lowest of every class whether thieves or drunkards, are Catholics."

Bishop Thomas B. Neely, also says: "Illegitimacy of birth, which is so common, further reveals the widespread immorality of South American countries. The percentage of illegitimate births is exceedingly high, sometimes thirty or fifty or a greater per cent. In Equador it is seventy-five per cent. In Venezuela more than one-half the children are illegitimate."

The Rev. H. C. Tueller of Rio de Janiero, writing in 1890, says of Brazil "The official statistics show that in the year 1890 there were living 2,603,489 persons, or more than one-sixth of the entire population of the country, who were born out of wedlock."

But allow us to present a little evidence from the highest Catholic Authority. Pope Clement XIII suppressed the Jesuit order and gave the following reasons therefor:

"I do not give my reasons (he meant in detail) for the abolishment of the order of Jesuits because their practices and the precepts enunciated by

them are so *absolutely infamous* and demoralizing that I do not wish to use the language necessary to describe them. After four years of careful consideration and the utmost pains taken to ascertain the truth about this order, I am compelled to abolish it."

After a few months Pope Clement was found dead in his bed, supposed to be poisoned by the Jesuits. The black Pope, head of the order of the S. J., probably knew more about it than any other person.

Erasmus, that peerless scholar of the 16th century who lived and died in the bosom of the Catholic Church, calls the monks, "sots and hooded whoremongers" and further says: "Obedience is so taught as to hide that there is any obedience to God. Kings are to obey the Pope. Priests are to obey their bishops. Monks are to obey their abbots. Oaths are exacted that disobedience may be punished as perjury. It may happen, and it often does happen, that an abbot may be a fool or a drunkard. He issues an order to the brotherhood in the name of holy obedience. And what will such order be? An order to be chaste? An order to be sober? An order to tell no lies? Not one of these things! It will be that a brother is not to learn Greek; he is *not to educate himself*."

"He may be a sot. He may go with prostitutes. He may be full of hatred and malice. He may never look inside a Bible. No matter! He has not broken any oath. He is an excellent member of the community. But if he disobeys such a com-

mand as not to study or instruct himself, there is the stake or dungeon for him instantly."

What a picture of the corruption of the priesthood and monks in that age! Erasmus, like other good men inside the church, denounced its profligacy and appealed to the pope to secure a reformation of its notorious scandals. But Erasmus failed as Bishop Strossmeyer and others failed, as Martin Luther failed and incurred the eternal enmity of the Church and its excommunication; as Savonarola failed and was publicly burnt for his pains; as John Huss and Jerome of Prague failed and were furnished a fiery chariot to heaven, but quite unlike Elijah's.

Pope John XXII was accused of nearly all crimes in the calendar and was deposed by the Council of Constance. Several other Popes were guilty of the most outrageous crimes including adultery, incest, and murder, but were not deposed. Another boy of about ten years was made Pope by his prostitute mother and died before he was twenty a victim of his own sensual, bestial living.

For 150 years the prostitutes of Rome controlled even the papacy. What other fruits can such a tree bear? If the fountain is poisoned what of the stream? Remember the papal adage! "*Semper Eadem*", and yet catholic priests in this Year of Grace 1916 have been prating about the chastity of Romish women and contrasting this with the looseness and wantonness of Protestant women. It is the most arrogant and brazen hypocrisy!

Every intelligent priest is lying when he talks so! Protestants as a rule are too intelligent to be thus imposed upon; their own ignorant dupes may feel flattered and believe it.

And now lest some ignorant Protestant should generously think that Roman morality is equal to Protestant in a Protestant Country, allow me to present a few statistics and then judge for yourselves.

In London in 1906 there were 23,806 convicts according to the public records; of these 5,378 were Romanists. The percentage of the whole population was 5-6. And the number of Romanist convicts was over four times the number of Protestants according to this percentage. The number of murders in the City of Rome in the year 1898 was 128. In London for the same year the number was 17.

London then had about 5,000,000 inhabitants.

Rome	"	"	"	"	274,000	"
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London has fifteen or sixteen times the population of Rome and at the London rate per population Rome would have had 2000 instead of 128. And Rome was the seat of the Papacy for at least 1200 years. What a parody on Roman *holiness*?

Is there a City in the world, Christian or Pagan, that can deprive Rome of her ascendancy in adultery and murder?

You will bear witness to the natural, logical, and inevitable influence of the Romish Hierarchy. Take one more citation from the old world.

Scotland from 1896 to 1905 had 24 convictions

for murder.

Ireland from 1896 to 1905 had 73 convictions for murder.

The population of Ireland is about the same as that of Scotland and her murders are more than three times as many. All of Ireland except Ulster is largely Romanist.

Now we will examine a few statistics in our own country. The annual report of the Alleghany County Workhouse and Inebriate Asylum for 1912 gives:

A total of 3674 inmates—of these 2016 inmates were Romanists—or 10 per cent. more than all others combined. The Bisbee Daily Review of Arizona gives the following statistics taken from the Warden's report for 1913:

Roman Catholic inmates	249
Protestant inmates	96
Mormons	2
Buddhists	1
Salvation Army	1
No Religion	70

Thus Rome furnishes 70 per cent. more convicts than all the others. The Warden at the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, reports:

Total inmates for year ending July 31, 1912, 824. Romanists 334.

With about 15% of the population Rome furnishes over 40% of the criminals.

The Honorable Dexter A. Hawkins reports for the Public and Parochial schools of Maine as follows:

For the Public Schools 11 criminals to 10,000 population.

For the Parochial Schools 160 criminals to 10,000 population.

Perhaps the fact that Cardinal O'Connell lives in Boston may in part account for such a report.

Some time ago Ireland compiled a Report of Juvenile offenders as follows:

Total number	1099
Romanists	956 or 90%.

Romanist population 66%. The Romish schools were in extreme need of Protestant moral influences.

Statistics of 1870 taken from the Census show that the Roman Catholic Parochial schools of New York furnished three and one half times as many paupers, criminals, and moral degenerates, as the Public Schools. As an Economic Measure, of souls, bodies, and expense why does not the great State of New York abolish the Parochial Schools? If according to Romish authorities, "the Public Schools of this country produce nothing but a godless generation of thieves and blackguards;" what kind of language is necessary to describe the product of the Parochial Schools? The description must be in Latin or the writer would be arrested and fined for using obscene language.

The Chaplain at the State Prison at Concord, Mass., reports: of total inmates 560, 400 were Romanists, or more than five times their equal proportion. At Deer Island the number was 75% of the whole; and at the Cambridge house of correction—90%.

We believe the above reports will represent a fair average of all reports on both sides of the Atlantic. They show conclusively the criminality, the illiteracy and the poverty of Romish populations to be from 7 to 9 times that of Protestants.

As an Economic measure, of souls, bodies, and cash, why is not Romanism abolished from the face of the whole earth? Will decent people submit to this curse of God forever? If they do then Satan has a heavy mortgage upon Christendom. The enervating, degenerating and paralyzing effect on the mental and moral faculties of the race is so monstrous it can only be interpreted as the curse of God upon any people who submit to it.

CHAPTER XII

THE "MORAL THEOLOGY" AND MORAL STANDARD OF THE CHURCH OF ROME THE MOST IMMORAL ON EARTH

THAT the Roman Catholic peoples are the most vicious and immoral on the face of the earth will create no surprise in the minds of those who have studied the History of the Popes by Doctors Alzog and Pastor and other Romanist writers, whose works have received the approval of the Hierarchy, and also the Roman Catholic "Moral? Theology" by St. Alphonsus Liguori and other eminent Theologians of their own church.

There are certain truths which have become self evident; and are quoted and accepted as maxims, such as, "Like people—like priest", and, "a stream rises no higher than its source". The worship of Molock was savage and the worshipers were saturated with cruelty. The worship of Bacchus was drunken and the worshipers were shamelessly profligate. The worship of Venus and Diana was celebrated with lecherous abandon. "It was love without law." Not love, but passion! Ancient Paganism taught that the most shameless profligacy and vilest criminality might be condoned by rich gifts to the priests; and that priests on account of their holy office should not be held responsible for crimes like laymen.

Modern Paganism (Romanism) masquerading

as a Christian Religion is more immoral, vindictive, and bloody, than any form of Ancient Paganism. Her moral Theology, falsely so called, is the most immoral code ever published by any ancient or modern religion upon this earth.

Her priests and higher clergy are licensed adulterers and murderers. Her Moral Theology says:

"If a priest has committed adultery with another man's wife and the irate husband attacks him it is *lawful* for the priest to kill him". And it is the law of the Church today that no layman shall compel a priest to come into court for any crime no matter how heinous, under pain of Excommunication. Now this penalty means anathema and ostracism in this life, and hell fire for all eternity. To the devout Romanist hell fire means an actual, material fire, which produces an agony of torture similar to that produced by it in this life. No devout Romanist will dare risk such a catastrophe for time and eternity so long as he has faith in the teachings of his Church. Only when he has lost faith in his Church does he dare to do it. This is one reason why so little is heard of the profligacy and other crimes of the priesthood. That they are as virtuous as a rule as the Protestant Clergy, is a vile slander, and absolutely false. When twenty of the better class of priests in Chicago during the reign of Archbishops Feehan and Quigley preferred specific charges against a large number of bad priests naming adultery, drunkenness, lying, and perjury, frequenting houses of prostitution, etc., the prelates in Chicago gave them no satis-

faction. Then they appealed to Cardinal Martinelli the papal legate in Washington. He told them he could do nothing and that the Vatican would not even consider them. Then they appealed to the Vatican and received no answer. Priest Crowley was one of the twenty and he became so disgusted with the gross immorality of the Hierarchy, not even punishing the worst crimes of its members; but often promoting the vilest offenders to influential and rich benefices in preference to decently virtuous priests; that he finally repudiated the Church and left it. He has left an account of these devilish practices on record in his book on "Romanism"; and defies the Church to refute them. If there is anything false in these records they have a prompt and very often a willing remedy in the judiciary of the Country. But they do not dare take these cases into the Courts for the reason that it would only serve to give them further publicity; and aggravate the evil instead of curing it.

If a Chicago Court could acquit a priest of an unprovoked murder declaring "that he was insane when he committed the crime but quite sane just before it and just after it", and has been all the time since! If a Chicago Court could have the arrogance and impudence to acquit a priestly murderer and give such a reason therefor, what under heaven can it not do? Why did not a Protestant mob lynch the murderer? A Protestant mob! It *non est*. Romanist mobs have murdered men for less crimes and often for no crimes.

They do not dare take Father Crowley into

the Courts but they can mob him. It is a "*lost cause*" that must resort to mob and murder. But a Protestant people is often patient, long-suffering, and frequently *servile*. When they suffer such a parody of justice as the above it might be said again, "O Justice! thou art fled to brutish beasts and men have lost their Reason". It may become necessary to revise the old patriotic song—"The land of the *free* and the home of the *brave*."

The "Land of the *Church* and the home of the slave", will be more fitting if matters move much longer in their present trend.

But we wish to present some more evidence of "Romish Immoral" Theology. Note the following:

The Sacred Heart magazine has the following blessed piece of information: To practice this devotion : First, we can every morning and evening, on rising and retiring, say three Hail Marys prostrate, or at least kneeling; and add to each Ave this short prayer: "O Mary, by thy pure and immaculate conception, make my body pure and my soul holy." We should then, as Saint Stanislaus always did, ask Mary's blessing as our Mother, place ourselves under the mantle of her protection; beseeching her to guard us during the coming day or night from sin. For this purpose it is very advisable to have a beautiful picture, or image of the Blessed Virgin. Second, we can say the Angelus, with the usual three Hail Marys, in the morning, at mid-day and in the evening. Pope John XII was the first to grant an indulgence for this devotion; it was on the following occasion, as Father

Crasset relates it: "A criminal was condemned to be burned alive on the vigil of the Annunciation of the Mother of God: He saluted her with a Hail Mary and in the midst of the flames he, and even his clothes, remained uninjured." Benedict XIII afterwards granted a hundred days' indulgence to all who recite it, and a plenary indulgence once a month to those who during that time have recited it daily as above, on condition of going to confession and receiving the Holy Communion, and praying for the usual intentions. Father Crasset says that Clement X granted other indulgences to those who, at the end of each Hail Mary, add, "Thanks be to God and to Mary." Formerly, at the sound of the bell, all knelt down to say the Angelus; but in the present day there are some who are ashamed to do so; Saint Charles Borromeo was not ashamed to get out of his carriage, or off his horse, to say it in the street, and even sometimes in the mud. It is related that there was a slothful religious who neglected to kneel at the sound of the Angelus bell; *he saw the belfry bow down three times*, and a voice said, "Behold wilt thou not do what even inanimate creatures do?"

De Cormonin tells us (on page 53, "History of the Popes," Vol. II)—"that Pope John XXII proclaimed heretical opinions, and was forced by King Philip of France to publicly revoke them. Also, that he had covered Germany with wars and disasters. Also that he had caused his papal Inquisition to burn more than ten thousand Chris-

tians who were not papists; and that he had extorted 50,000,000 florins from Europe by selling pardons for sins, ecclesiastical offices, dispensations from canonical hindrances to marriage, and other papal merchandise."

His source of richest revenue was his tariff-duties on crime.

"A priest paid 67 francs (about \$1.40 in our money) if he had been caught fornicating with a nun, his cousin, his niece, or other women.

Pardon for priestly bestiality cost 219 francs.

A priest who had seduced a lay virgin paid two francs, or about 40 cents in our money. For the sum of 76 francs, priests obtained license to live in concubinage with their relatives.

To secure forgiveness for the murder of a layman, the priest paid 15 francs."

This horrible tariff-tax on crimes and pardons, covers every conceivable iniquity.

One clause reads—"A nun who shall have abandoned herself to several men, in her monastery, and who shall wish to obtain the dignity of abbess ("Mother Superior") shall pay 131 francs, 15 sous"—about \$26.35.

The church teaches that it is right to lie, if the lie is supposed to benefit the church, or to cover up scandal; and even to perjure oneself for this purpose; and it is no lie or perjury if the *Intention* is not to lie for the love of it; but a meritorious act if *intended* to aid the Hierarchy. There is no sin under the sun but can be condoned and absolved for a *little money paid the Church*. But

a sin against the church "has no forgiveness neither in this world nor in the world to come".

Some priests even teach "that it is a greater crime to omit going to mass and to confession than to commit murder."

If such be the immoral standards of the Church what can be expected of its members? The character of its members has unfortunately harmonized most remarkably with her immoral standards. This has been the case not only with the common people but also with every branch of the priesthood. The popes, themselves, the worst sinners! Now it must be admitted that some bad individuals disgrace the very best organizations. But these are the exceptions among Protestant Churches. On the other hand the virtuous popes and prelates have been the exceptions and the profligates the rule. A distinguished writer has declared that no civil dynasty has furnished so large a percentage of profligates and of criminals as the popedom. Their own church furnish the facts. These are not Protestant lies. If lies, they are the lies of many of the most distinguished members of the Roman Church, Historians, and other eminent personages who lived and died *good* catholics. In another place will be found many examples of Popish profligacy and criminality. What can be expected of a Hierarchy that will approve and adopt a Moral Theology the most corrupt and immoral on the face of the earth? Every truthful, honest, moral, man, in the church, lay or cleric, should blush with shame for being adherents of such lying, lecherous, grafting and mur-

derous code of shameless criminality. Why do not more of the honorable laity repudiate this "immoral" code and abandon it? Do they wish to be *particeps criminis* of its tainted profits? Or are they moral cowards? "The tree is known by its fruits". Until the moral standard is purified and exalted the standard of living in the Church will be unchanged. No people as a rule rise above their church or moral standards. Honorable exceptions will always be found; but they will be few in number; yet made of the stuff that furnished the martyrs of all the Christian Centuries. Men and women who could neither be bought or frightened, who could die but could not lie. We have, conscientious, dauntless, unconquerable souls who suffered extremist tortures, rather than abdicate their manhood in doing what they believed wrong.

These heroic souls, created Independent Sovereigns; "made but a little lower than the Angels; crowned with glory and honor for all the eternities."

Therefore there need be no surprise that most carefully compiled statistics prove beyond question that the Roman Catholic nations are the most poverty stricken, the most servile, the most illiterate, and the most immoral and criminal in Christendom—or, we believe, in Paganism. The early Choctaw, or Winnebago tribes would regard with horror the Romish Code of lying, lechery, and murder.

But a better day is dawning. Nearly all the Romanist Countries of the world have within the

past fifty to one hundred years cast off the Romish yoke of greed and tyranny and granted a limited or full measure of liberty of Conscience. Italy, France, and Portugal in Europe and all the Central and South American Countries have renounced in a measure or wholly their allegiance to Rome. "The Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth" is repudiated by her own children.

Surely there is something radically and fundamentally wrong when, after centuries of absolute and undivided control, her own children denounce and despoil her. Notwithstanding her threats of ostracism, and consignment to eternal damnation; notwithstanding her secret and iron grip upon politics and business; notwithstanding her secret spies through the Confessional and Jesuitism; and the frequent mobbing and murdering of those who leave her communion, and those who expose her corruptions and tyranny; there must be something fundamentally, essentially, wrong when her own children repudiate and rob her.

But millions of her own adherents will not believe her vile record; and millions, even, of ignorant and indifferent Protestants cannot comprehend her utter vileness, her criminal and bloody teaching and practice; and think ex-priests and ex-nuns and others are lying when they are not telling one half the truth. The whole truth is known only to "God who will reward every man according to his deeds." Every man whether pope, cardinal, bishop, or priest, will answer for crime. Before the high court of heaven there will be no exceptions

or privileged persons. All stand on the common platform of character and deeds. "He is no Respector of persons". Thank God, there is a righteous judge of all the earth! There the poor, the oppressed, the persecuted, the martyred millions of men, women, and children, will receive final and eternal Justice.

That will be a black day for Rome, her cold-blooded tyrants and her servile sychophants! The murderers and adulterers, the idolaters and *all Liars* shall hear the dread judgment. "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

A Royal Example of Falsehood—No Faith With Heretics

A notable example of lying with the approval of the Church is found in the Emperor Sigismund of the Holy Roman Empire. It was during his reign that the Council of Constance in Switzerland was held. John Huss of Prague, in Bohemia, was cited to appear before this Council to answer charges of heresy. These were principally for believing and teaching the doctrines of the English Reformer, Wicklyffe.

One of the leading doctrines of the Reformers was the denial of Transubstantiation which means that in the consecration of the wafer by the priest saying "this is my body" it became the real body of Christ, as St. Alphonsus Liguori says, "the priest, in a sense, is the creator of his Creator; and that it

takes as much power to do this as to remove a mountain." For refusing adoration to this absurdity, this blasphemy, to adore a pancake God and other heresies, Huss was condemned and burnt at the stake on the 6th day of July, 1415.

The Emperor Sigismund had pledged his royal word that Huss should be allowed peaceably to go to Constance and return home. The Royal or Imperial rescript pledged him a safe conduct to Constance and return. Notwithstanding this "safe conduct" the council condemned Huss and the Emperor allowed him to be burnt.

Many of the princes of Germany blamed the Emperor for this voluntary breach of his pledged word. "The word of an Emperor should be above suspicion." The pledged troth of a King should be inviolate! Truth is the responsibility of every man especially of those in authority.

About two months afterward the Council to protect itself and the Emperor took the following action:

"This present sacred synod declares that whatsoever safe conduct has been granted by the emperor, kings, or other secular princes to heretics, or such as are defamed for heresy, thinking thus to recall them from their errors, and by whatsoever bond they have obliged themselves to the observance of it, no prejudice can arise, no impediment can or ought to be put to the Catholic faith or other ecclesiastical jurisdiction, but that (notwithstanding the safe conduct) it may be lawful for any competent and ecclesiastical judge to

inquire into the errors of such persons, and duly otherways proceed against them, and punish them so far as justice shall require, if they shall pertinaciously refuse to revoke their errors; yea, though they come to the place of judgment, relying upon such safe conduct, and would not otherwise come thither; nor doth he who so promiseth, remain obliged in anything when he has done what lies in him."—"History of the Councils," by Labbe and Cossart, Vol XII, cols. 169, 170.

This decree did not satisfy all minds, and the act of the council, contrary to the emperor's pledged faith, continued to excite adverse criticism. The council passed another decree in further explanation of its action, threatening punishment to those who should thereafter disparage either the council or the emperor. This decree runs thus:—

"The holy synod decrees: Forasmuch as certain persons presumptuously or with a sinister intention or wishing to be wise above what is right, not only calumniate the emperor, but also this sacred council, with slanderous tongues, publicly and secretly saying or insinuating that the safe conduct given by the most invincible Prince Sigismund, king of the Romans, Hungary, etc., to John Huss, the heresiarch, of execrable memory, was unduly violated, contrary to justice and honor; although the said John Huss, by obstinately impugning the orthodox faith, forfeited all safe conduct and privileges, and no faith or promise was to be kept with him by natural law, either human or divine, to the prejudice of the Catholic faith; therefore, the

said holy synod declares by the tenor of these presents, that the said most invincible prince, notwithstanding the said safe conduct, did what he could and what became His Imperial Majesty, with respect to the said John Huss; and it enjoins and forbids all singular Christians whatever dignity, grade, preeminence, condition, state, or sex, henceforth to slander or in any way disparage the sacred council or the Imperial Majesty for their deeds in the matter of John Huss; and it decrees that whosoever transgresses this command shall be punished, without pardon, as an abetter of heresy and guilty of high treason."

Such is the second decree of the sacred ecumenical synod of Constance concerning John Huss.

The breach of the Emperor's good faith was not denied but rather was justified; and this course of reasoning is entirely in harmony with the principles and practices of the church.

Lord Acton an English Catholic has left on record the following frank statement, in a collection of essays:

"In the religious struggle a frenzy had been kindled which made weakness violent, and turned good men into prodigies of ferocity, and at Rome, where every loss inflicted on Catholicism and every wound was felt, the belief that, in dealing with heretics, murder is better than toleration, prevailed for half a century. The predecessor of Gregory had been Inquisitor General. In his eyes Protestants were worse than pagans, and Lutherans more dangerous than other Protestants. The

Capuchin preacher, Pistoja, bore witness that men were hanged and quartered almost daily at Rome; and Pius declared that he would release a culprit guilty of a hundred murders rather than one obstinate heretic. He seriously contemplated razing the town of Faenza because it was infested with religious error, and he recommended a similiar expedient to the King of France. He adjured him to hold no intercourse with the Huguenots, to make no terms with them, and not to observe the terms he had made. He required that they should be pursued to the death, that not one should be spared under any pretense, that all prisoners should suffer death. He threatened Charles with the punishment of Saul when he forbore to exterminate the Amalekites."

"The theory which was framed to justify these practices has done more than plots and massacres to cast discredit on the Catholics. This theory was as follows: Confirmed heretics must be rigorously punished whenever it can be done without the probability of greater evil to religion. Where that is feared, the penalty may be suspended or delayed for a season provided it be inflicted whenever the danger is past. Treaties made with heretics and promises given to them must not be kept, because sinful promises do not bind, and no agreement is lawful which may injure religion or ecclesiastical authority. No civil power may enter into engagements which impede the free scope of the church's law. It is part of the punishment of heretics that faith shall not be kept with them. It

is even mercy to kill them that they may sin no more." "The History of Freedom and other Essays," by John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton (Lord Acton), edited by John Neville Foggis, Litt. D., and Reginald Vere Laurence, N. A., London, Macmillan & Co., Ltd., 1909, pages 138-141.

The above surely illustrate the reverence in which Truth is held by Rome and especially when applied to Protestants. "Christ is the Truth." Christianity teaches universal Truth and Truthfulness.

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit, for the tree is known by its fruit."—Matt. 7:18—Bible.

Conclusion

To the Protestant the Bible is the Supreme Law and the only Infallible guide to Faith and Morals.

From the "Dignity of Man" as seen in his creation, Redemption, and Final Destiny, corroborated by other testimony from the same Scriptures we have evolved the following propositions which appear to be fundamental and essential to all intelligent manhood:

1. Individual Independence of thought, choice, and action.
2. Liberty of Conscience.
3. Individual Responsibility directly to God and

not through a master, a priest, a church, or a king.

4. No one has the Right or Power to evade his own personal responsibility or to place it on any person or organization, and vice versa.

5. No person or organization has the Right or Power to assume another's responsibility.

6. There is no Divine Right of Kings or Priests to do wrong. They are held to individual responsibility just as all others. Not only so, but whole families and peoples are often punished for the sins of their Kings and priests; for allowing and following such leadership.

7. Each individual soul having been created morally independent and responsible has a right to demand Individual and Final Judgment.

The above are unquestionably the teachings of the Bible and the fundamental elements of manhood. They are what constitute him a man and essential to all intelligent manhood. When an individual or a people ignores those principles they have abdicated their manhood. Such a being ceases to be a *man* and becomes a *thing*, a mere tool and instrument of wickedness; and a menace to the welfare of his race. They are the fit elements of mob, murder, tyranny, anarchy and civil strife. They constitute the discordant chords of society and humanity; the prolific mother of earth's miseries and woes. See Mexico for an illustration!

Rome denies all the above principles and in doing so commits the gravest crime against manhood and the most arrogant rebellion against God.

We have illustrated the baleful, paralyzing, in-

fluence of the priestly class whether Pagan or Papal from the history of the most ancient nations down to the present time. The results are always the same.

Today, and for the last 100 years, the papal nations are, according to the most reliable statistics obtainable:

The most illiterate in Christendom.

The most poverty stricken in Christendom.

The most vicious and criminal in Christendom.

Romanism is therefore anti-scriptural. Her idolatry is as greedy, tyrannous and profligate, as any ancient paganism. The curse of the Almighty against all idolatry follows her over the whole earth. Her baleful influence is seen in the ignorance, poverty, and criminality, of every nation that has submitted to her domination. This on the authority of her own children. For urgent and imperative economic reasons; for absolutely necessary Moral Reasons; and for the Highest Spiritual Reason of personal enlightenment, elevation and final salvation; Rome should perish from the earth.

But some one may ask, if Rome is so utterly and abominably corrupt and wicked why does not the Almighty destroy her?

With most profound reverence for the power of God, there is but one way in which it can be done; and that is by the voluntary action of her own people and others.

Is it not enough that God curses every Roman

Catholic nation on earth with ignorance, poverty, and vice? Are not the nations tired of Rome? All Europe has repudiated her except Spain, Belgium and Austria. Has not Mexico thrown off her yoke or endeavored to do so; and does not every well informed person understand that Rome is at the bottom of all her recent miseries? And of the greater part of all her miseries for 400 years?

Have not nearly all South American Countries recently granted "Liberty of Conscience" and "Freedom of Worship?" thus breaking the iron chain of Rome's Despotism.

Poor, old, decrepit, Spain! 400 years ago the mightiest power on two hemispheres! With none so poor today as to do her reverence! Poor, old, decrepit, Spain! Rome has left her the customary legacy of ignorance, poverty, and profligacy. "*Semper Eadem!*"

Belgium has already been swept with the besom of destruction; and Austria will soon be, if present signs do not fail; Rome and Austria sowed the seeds of the present European Catclysm—Austria is paying dearly for it. Germany with the aid of Austria and the Pope intended to obtain the mastery of the world. Bismarck drove the Jesuits out of Germany. Emperor William restored them—Bismarck was right. The Jesuit is Germany's worst enemy. William committed a colossal crime when he restored them. He needed their help and the votes of the Centrist, or papal party, in the Reichstag to give him the necessary supplies

for a huge army and navy to prepare for universal conquest. The chariots of the Lord are smashing Commercial Greed, Racial Pride, and Religious Bigotry. It will take Germany 100 years to pay the thousand millions debts of this war. The Integral Calculus is not sufficient to estimate the value of human life, the flower of Germany's just pride; and the woes of widowhood, and of orphan children. The iron is now entering the soul of Germany with the foe knocking at her doors; and possibly soon in her beautiful, proud capital. When the German people awake to a full realization of their terrible mistake the Emperor William will be the worst hated man in the Empire. The people will wreak vengeance upon their mad, ambitious, ungodly leaders. Finally the Vatican?

We must not forget that the Pope supported by the Austrian Government forced a concordat upon Serbia giving Rome the control of the whole education of Serbia. This stirred up a most bitter feeling towards Rome and Austria, which found expression in the Serbian Journals which was the indirect cause of the assassination of the Archduke Francis and his Morganatic wife. In revenge Austria forced conditions upon Serbia which as an independent people she could not accept. War was immediately declared. Germany seconded her ally. Austria and Germany were prepared. England, France, and Russia were not prepared. This was Germany's opportunity. The pretext was eagerly embraced. Germany at once rushed her

troops against France through Belgium, peaceably, if she might, violently, if necessary. When peaceable transit was denied; a passage was forced. The treaty by which Germany with other nations guaranteed the integrity of Belgium was insolently called a "Scrap of paper" and torn to shreds.

The Pope and the two Emperors confidently expected the German army to be in Paris in three to six weeks. Did not the sudden crushing of Austria in 1866; and the overwhelming defeat of France in 1870 justify the three conspirators in expecting to again overwhelm France in about a month and force a separate peace, with France eliminated. They forgot God, the final resort of the poor and unprepared? The heroic resistance of Belgium saved France. Yet the Germans were within 18 miles of Paris when they were forced to a precipitate retreat. They have been retreating ever since. The probability is that before this is in print there will not be a German soldier on French soil.

There is a vast difference between the France of 1870 and the France of 1914. Napoleon III and his bigoted consort were absolutely ruled by Rome. Every branch of the government was corrupt and venal. Ignominious defeat was the inevitable consequence. Rome was mainly responsible for Sedan.

Soon afterward France replaced the rotten Empire with a Republic; expelled the Jesuits; curbed the despotism of Rome, and decreed liberty of conscience to all her people.

The Jesuits expelled from France went largely to Germany, welcomed by the present Emperor. The curse of the Lord went with them.

A new spirit entered into the French people. Industry, morality, and self-reliance grew apace. The France of 1914 was very different from the France of 1870. Her energy, integrity, and heroism, have astonished the world, and none more so than her old enemies, the Germans. She bore the brunt of the fighting while her allies were getting ready. With sheer pluck, persistence, and steadiness, she forced her enemies back from the Marne; withstood five months terrific assaults by the most formidable German troops at Verdun; and already has a vision of final victory.

The Pope and his Co-conspirators let loose the dogs of war and now they are begging the allies to stop them. They started a fire which got beyond their control and now the wind has changed and they are likely to be consumed in their own conflagration. They declare the responsibility for all future bloodshedding will be at the door of the allies. But the responsibility for all past bloodshedding will lie at their own doors.

The pope is now anxiously begging our government to assume the role of Mediator to save his own children from the just punishment of their gigantic conspiracies against the Peace and integrity of other nations. The Pope has been frantically ambitious to appear before the world as a peacemaker. What immense eclat for the Vatican! His friends have been urging it. The

cardinals, archbishops, Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, etc., are dreadfully impatient that all nations do not acknowledge the Pope's eternal fitness as a Mediator. At first it was the Pope and the United States Government, now it is the United States Government and the Pope. By and by it will probably be the United States without his holiness, or any other rear appendage. Russia would not have the Pope, and the triumph of The Entente will mark a new limitation to the Pope's authority and influence in Europe. Does France desire the Pope's mediation? She was mightily relieved by the expulsion of the Jesuits and suppression of the monasteries and convents. France has suffered enough from Romish oppression and profligacy. The great majority of the English people have no earthly use for the Pope. They believe him "that man of sin and the harlot of the Tiber" spoken of in the Bible. Rome's arrogance and "ambition has o'erleaped itself" in this instance as in many others.

Rome is doomed to see the destruction of her main props and friends in Europe, Austria and Belgium. There may be a new cry in Europe born of sore travail, "Abolish the Jesuit." The peace of Europe and of the world demands it.

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